ANNUAL REPORTS

OF THE

Town Officers of Hamilton, Mass.

WITH REPORTS OF THE

SCHOOL COMMITTEE

AND

TRUSTEES OF THE PUBLIC LIBRARY

FOR THE YEAR ENDING DECEMBER 31, 1920

TOGETHER WITH THE

RECOMMENDATIONS OF THE FINANCE AND ADVISORY COMMITTEE

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Town Meeting at Hamilton Exciting

Hamilton, July 16.—Hamilton held a special town meeting last evening, which, to say the least, was some exciting. The question of providing extra accommodations for the pupils of the South school was the all absorbing topic.

The following people gave their views and offered suggestions as to what they considered the best way to solve the problem: Jonathan Brown, selectman; George Gibney. Wm. J. Daley, Chairman Martin of the school board and Mrs. Adelaide Walsh and Miss Florence Lull, also members of the school committee, Chester Foster, C. H. Knowles, Frederick F. Abbott, Mr. Balcomb, architect; Frederick Winthrop, Rev. Mr. Broeg, Eugene L. Wildes, Alvin Perley. Many of the ideas expressed were decidedly at variance.

First the motion to appropriate $5000 for a portable building to take care of two of the lower grades, numbering together about 56 pupils, was voted upon with 33 yes and 58 no.

Then the matter of appropriating $15,000 to finish the third story of the South school was voted upon reselding yes, 11, no 55.

ThSe motion to appropriate $7000 to put in the hands of the school comittee to use in providing extra accommodations for the pupils was carried by yes 43, no 34.

The town also voted ot re-open the west school and appropriated $1500 extra for same.

For repairing the fire department building, $1500 was appropriated.

An additional sum of $1500 was appropriated for Town hall expenses.

Five hundred dollars was voted for repair of Willowdale bridge.

The town voted to accept Section Six, Chapter 148 for the general laws in regard to removal of menances which might cause fires.

Town Topics

The Mothers' club will meet in Grange hall next Monday evening when plans for the children's annual picnic will be discussed.

Margaret, the young daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Michael J. Donlon of Bridge street recently underwent an operation for the removal of adnoids at the Beverly hospital.

Mary Dodge is spending her vacation with her grandparents, Mr. and Mrs. Albert Dodge, at their cottage in Washington, N. H.

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LIST OF OFFICERS

Elected and Appointed

Moderator
ROBERT B. WALSH

Town Clerk
CLARENCE S. KNOWLTON

Treasurer
JOHN L. WOODBURY

Tax Collector
CHARLES W. APPLETON

Selectmen
GEORGE H. GIBNEY, Chairman
ARTHUR C. CUMMINGS AVON D. BRADEEN

Overseers of the Poor
ARTHUR C. CUMMINGS, Chairman
AVON D. BRADEEN GEORGE H. GIBNEY

Board of Health
AVON D. BRADEEN, Chairman
GEORGE H. GIBNEY ARTHUR C. CUMMINGS

Assessors
GEORGE H. GIBNEY, Chairman
Term expires 1923
GEORGE M. ADAMS
Term expires 1921
JESSE S. MANN
Term expires 1922

Tree Warden
HARRY R. McGREGOR

Trustees of the Public Library
ARTHUR W. CHANDLER
Term expires 1922

EDWARD A. UNDERHILL
Term expires 1923

ROBERT B. WALSH
Term expires 1921

School Committee
ROBERT ROBERTSON, JR., Chairman
Term expires 1921

MRS. ADELAIDE D. WALSH
Term expires 1923

MISS FLORENCE LULL
Term expires 1922

Cemetery Commissioners
GEORGE K. KNOWLTON, Chairman
Term expires 1923

FRANCIS C. NORTON
Term expires 1922

GEORGE H. GIBNEY
Term expires 1921

Park Commissioners
GEORGE K. KNOWLTON, Chairman
Term expires 1922

FRANCIS C. NORTON
Term expires 1921

EDWARD J. READY
Term expires 1923

Constables
ALFRED T. POOLE, Chief of Police
CHARLES H. SMITH
LEROY S. DODGE

Superintendent of Streets
HENRY A. SPATES

Moth Superintendent
HARRY R. McGREGOR

Registrars of Voters
JONATHAN LAMSON, Chairman
Term expires 1923

PERLEY G. ANDERSON
Term expires 1921

FRANK W. BUZZELL
Term expires 1922

CLARENCE S. KNOWLTON, Clerk

Sealer of Weights and Measures
RANDALL E. ADAMS

Town Accountant
CLARENCE S. KNOWLTON

Town Counsel
ROBERT B. WALSH

Fire Engineers
GEORGE F. PENDEXTER, Chief

ERLE G. BREWER
RODNEY ADAMS

LESTER M. WHIPPLE
FRANK DANE

Inspector of Animals
GEORGE R. DODGE

Keeper of Lockup
GEORGE H. HARADEN

Forest Fire Warden
FRED BERRY

Pound Keeper

GEORGE H. HARADEN

Field Drivers

FRED BERRY
FRED P. KILHAM
MERRILL S. LOVERING
ERNEST M. BARKER
GEORGE M. ADAMS

Measurers of Wood, Bark and Lumber

JESSE S. MANN
RALPH BERRY
LESTER M. WHIPPLE
TIMOTHY MOYNIHAN

ACCOUNTANT'S REPORT

RECEIPTS

TAXES

Current year:		
Property	$39,229 89	
Poll	518 00	
Previous years		
Property	5,359 11	
Poll	90 00	
		$45,197 00
From the State		
Income Tax, 1917	$156 25	
Income Tax, 1918	187 50	
Income Tax, 1919	2,280 00	
Income Tax, 1920	33,570 24	
Income Tax, 1920 (School)	3,370 00	
Nat. Bank Tax, 1919	292 86	
Nat. Bank Tax, 1920	2,528 82	
Corp. Tax P. S. 1919	338 71	
Corp. Tax, P. S. 1920	6,232 47	
Corp. Tax, Foreign, 1920	33 38	
Corp. Tax, Domestic, 1920	22 01	
Street Railway Tax, 1920	30 17	
		49,042 41

LICENSES

Pool	$2 00	
Oleo	2 50	
Pedler's	6 00	
Dog (refunded to Town Clerk)	50 00	
		60 50
Forwarded		$94,299 91

Brought forward		$94,299 91
GRANTS AND GIFTS		
From County		
Dog License	$438 37	
Waldingfield Road account	1,500 61	
From Individuals		
William F. Barrett	700 00	
Bayard Tuckerman	300 00	
		2,938 98
SPECIAL ASSESSMENT		
Moth Tax, 1917	$3 90	
Moth Tax, 1918	44 98	
Moth Tax, 1919	187 45	
Moth Tax, 1920	1,002 64	
		1,238 97
GENERAL GOVERNMENT		
Town Clerk		
Use of phone	$ 95	
Town Hall		
Rent	76 00	
		76 95
PROTECTION OF LIFE AND PROPERTY		
Inspection		
Sealer's Fees	$18 80	
Forestry		
Moth reimbursement from State	748 08	
Forest Warden		
Received for use of phone	13 40	
		780 28
Forwarded		$99,335 09

Brought forward		$99,335 09
HIGHWAYS		
Sale materials	$22 50	
Setting Bounds	18 00	
		40 50
CHARITIES		
Outside Relief		
From individuals	$40 00	
From State	117 00	
Mother's Aid		
From State	156 00	
		313 00
SOLDIER'S BENEFITS		
State Aid	$228 00	
		228 00
SCHOOLS		
Tuition State wards	$19 50	
Other tuition	121 30	
		140 80
PUBLIC LIBRARY		
Fines	$24 08	
		24 08
PARKS		
Sale of grass	$2 60	
		2 60
Forwarded		$100,084 07

Brought forward		$100,084 07
PUBLIC SERVICE ENTERPRISES		
Fees, Public Scales	$3 00	
		3 00
CEMETERY		
Sale of lots	$25 00	
Sale of graves	30 00	
		55 00
INTEREST		
Deposits, General	$290 15	
Deposits, Special	169 75	
Deferred Taxes	349 35	
Perpetual Care Deposits	295 70	
Dodge Fund Income	46 64	
Allen Fund Income	22 75	
		1,174 34
MUNICIPAL INDEBTEDNESS		
Revenue Loans	$55,000 00	
		55,000 00
AGENCY AND TRUST		
Agency		
State Tax, 1920	$10,640 00	
State Tax, 1920 (Special)	501 60	
State Tax, 1920 (War Poll)	1,341 00	
County Tax	6,282 10	
Soldier's Exemption	8 93	
Street Railway Assessment	75 17	
Trust		
Perpetual Care Deposits	1,183 00	
		20,031 80
Forwarded		$176,348 21

Brought forward		$176,348 21
REFUNDS		
Forest Warden Account	$6 16	
		6 16
BALANCES		
General Cash, Dec. 31, 1919	$28,819 74	
Dodge Fund Income, Dec. 31, 1919	10 57	
Allen Fund Income, Dec. 31, 1919	77 42	
		28,907 73
		$205,262 10

EXPENDITURES

GENERAL GOVERNMENT

LEGISLATIVE

Moderator	$30 00	
		$30 00

SELECTMEN

Salaries		
Selectmen	$850 00	
Printing and postage, etc.	18 70	
Car fare and expenses	45 50	
Telephone	23 00	
Other Expenses		
Surveying Union Street lot	44 25	
Repairing typewriter	8 50	
Perambulating Town Lines		
Hamilton-Topsfield	36 20	
Hamilton-Ipswich	35 00	
Flowers (E. A. Frear)	10 00	
Surveying Mill Street and other Town property	24 44	
Express	49	
		1,096 08

ACCOUNTING

Salaries		
Accountant	$962 29	
State Audit	132 96	
Stationery, postage, etc.	48 24	
Other expenses		
Filing cabinet	70 75	
Care fare and expenses	2 00	
Express	31	
		1,216 55
Forwarded		$2,342 63

Brought forward		$2,342 63
TREASURY		
Salaries		
Treasurer	$500 00	
Stationery, postage etc.	59 30	
Surety Bond	50 00	
Safety Deposit Box	3 00	
Car fare and expenses	20 40	
		632 70
TAX COLLERTOR		
Salary		
Collector	$480 91	
Other Expenses		
Surety Bond	150 00	
Printing, stationery, etc.	59 20	
		690 11
ASSESSORS		
Salaries and Wages		
Assessors	$1,031 53	
Other Expenses		
Clerical work	8 50	
Stationery, postage, etc.	26 89	
Car fare and expenses	10 80	
Records from Register of Deeds	19 78	
Subscription, Banker and Tradesman	6 00	
		1,103 50
OTHER FINANCE ACCOUNTS		
Certification Town notes	$10 00	
		10 00
Forwarded		$4,778 94

Brought forward,		$4,778 94

LAW

Town Counsel	$100 00	
		100 00

TOWN CLERK

Salaries		
Town Clerk	$362 29	
Fees	76 75	
Other Expenses		
Printing, stationery, etc.	82 20	
Surety Bond	2 50	
Return of Rep. vote at Danvers	5 00	
Car fare and expenses	3 00	
Stenographic work	3 00	
Express	91	
		535 65

ELECTION AND REGISTRATION

Salaries and Wages		
Registrars of Voters	$200 00	
Election Officers	298 00	
Other Expenses		
Printing and postage	149 75	
Stenographic reports	26 50	
Food, Registrars and Tellers	104 50	
Posting warrants	17 50	
Car fare and expenses	3 50	
Express	36	
		800 11
Forwarded		$6,214 70

Brought forward		$6,214 70

TOWN HALL

Salaries and Wages		
Janitor	$500 00	
Labor, Town Hall grounds	117 06	
Other Expenses		
Fuel	435 70	
Light	97 50	
Janitor's supplies	37 75	
Repairs	261 76	
Telephone	69 16	
Water, 1919	35 00	
Water, 1920	35 00	
Removing ashes	27 25	
Cleaning cesspool	11 00	
Lawn mower	21 00	
Tuning piano	7 00	
Laundry	3 00	
Express	48	
P. O. Box rent	1 40	
		1,660 06

TOWN HALL CELLAR DRAINAGE

Labor	$ 15 76	
Electric pump and installing	230 00	
		245 76
Payments General Government		$8,120 52

Brought forward		$8,120 52

PROTECTION OF LIFE AND PROPERTY

POLICE DEPARTMENT

Salaries and Wages		
Chief	$1,456 00	
Officers	634 50	
Care street signal, Main and Bridge	38 25	
Auto hire	41 25	
Equipment and repairs	206 58	
Other Expenses		
Telephone	38 76	
Car fare and expenses	55 37	
Constable	30 00	
Kerosene	22 83	
Stationery	4 00	
Stenographic work	2 00	
Cleaning car after wreck	2 86	
Light for traffic officers	2 19	
		2,534 59

FIRE DEPARTMENT

Salaries and Wages		
Fireman	$391 46	
Equipment and repairs	521 29	
Fuel	78 15	
Light	23 19	
Building and Grounds		
Repairs	25 58	
Other Expenses		
Printing and postage	3 29	
Telephone	48 71	
Forwarded		$2,534 59 $10,655 11

Brought forward		$2,534 59	$10,655 11
Power Fire Alarm	54 78		
Supplies	11 05		
Food, Firemen	20 70		
Storage, fire wagon	15 00		
Freight and express	8 55		
		1,201 75	

SEALER

Salaries and Wages		
Sealer	$70 21	
Other Expenses		
Transportation	37 50	
Equipment	12 51	
		120 22

FORESTRY

INSECT PEST EXTERMINATION

Salaries and Wages			
Superintendent	$972 56		
Labor	1,926 78		
Teams	339 75		
Equipment and repairs	47 35		
Insecticides	519 24		
Other Expenses			
Gas and oil	206 13		
Repairs, auto truck	249 01		
Storage, auto truck	66 00		
Insurance, automobile	42 50		
Insurance, liability	219 86		
Telephone	24 76		
Forwarded		$3,856 56	$11,977 08

Brought forward		$3,856 56	$11,977 08
Clerical work	20 00		
Printing and postage	14 62		
Paid for use of wagon	7 50		
Oath of Treasurer on pay rolls to State	6 25		
Express and freight	4 21		
		4,666 52	

TREE WARDEN

Salaries and Wages			
Labor	$742 50		
Equipment and repairs	5 22		
Other Expenses			
Gasoline	26 53		
Printing and postage	5 59		
Team hire	9 00		
Chauffeur's license	4 00		
Paint	3 30		
		796 14	

FOREST WARDEN

Forest Warden, salary	$ 10 00		
Fighting fires	396 65		
Teams and auto hire	132 70		
Food for men	22 11		
Telephone	23 52		
		594 98	
Total Payments Protection Life and Property			9,904 20
Forwarded			$18,024 72

Forwarded		$18,024 72

HEALTH AND SANITATION

General Administration		
Salary, Board of Health	$100 00	
Quarantine and Contagious Diseases		
Medicine and medical aid	346 50	
Transportation	1 00	
Tuberculosis		
Board and treatment	62 09	
Vital Statistics		
Return of Birth	1 75	
Other Expenses		
Collection rubbish	307 26	
Fumigation and disinfection	43 50	
Public dump	62 00	
Inspection		
School children	300 00	
Animals	46 68	
Meat	10 00	
Milk, salary Inspector 1917-8-9	90 00	
Total Payments, Health and Sanitation		$1,370 78

HIGHWAYS

GENERAL ADMINISTRATION

Salaries and Wages		
Superintendent of Streets	$1,173 34	
		1,173 34
Forwarded		$20,568 84

Brought forward		$1,173 34	$20,568 84
GENERAL EXPENDITURES			
Salaries and Wages	$2,812 12		
Teams	2,267 75		
Gravel and stone	128 00		
Equipment and repairs			
Ford runabout	678 00		
Other equipment and repairs	297 92		
Other Expenses			
Highway Commission assessment, Main and Moulton Streets	235 79		
Liability insurance	173 86		
Patching material	371 76		
Automobile insurance	136 16		
Gas and oil	133 26		
Storage, auto	20 00		
Alcohol for radiator	1 35		
Distilled water	65		
Metal culverts	48 00		
Pipe and cement	12 10		
Telephone	8 99		
Printing and stationery	37 50		
Express and freight	5 66		
Car fare and expenses	3 50		
Salt for catch basins	66		
Kerosene	23		
		7,373 26	
BRIDGES			
Salaries and wages	$ 30 00		
Lumber	109 17		
		139 17	
Forwarded		$8,685 77	$28,081 27

Brought forward		$8,685 77	$28,081 27
	OILING		
Labor and teams	$ 392 68		
Oil and sand	1,178 75		
		1,571 43	
	ROAD ROLLER		
Labor	$440 50		
Repairs	103 74		
Fuel	123 19		
Oil and waste	17 75		
		685 18	
	GUARD RAIL		
Labor	$24 00		
Materials	10 50		
		34 50	
	OTHER EXPENSES		
Street signs	$16 63		
		16 63	
Total Payments from Highway Appro'tn		$10,993 51	
	REMOVING SNOW		
Labor	$8,861 26		
Teams	1,912 25		
Sand	60 00		
Tools	11 30		
		10,844 81	
Forwarded		$21,838 32	$41,233 82

Brought forward		$21,838 32	$41,233 82
STREET LIGHTING			
Contract	$5,240 67		
		5,240 67	
STATE HIGHWAY ASSESSMENT			
State Highway Assessment	$620 20		
		620 20	
NORMAN FUND			
Labor	$167 05		
Teams	12 00		
Lawn mower	11 00		
		190 05	
WALDINGFIELD ROAD			
Salaries and wages	$2,609 79		
Teams	1,557 82		
Guard rail	244 67		
Culvert pipe	33 60		
Explosives	39 86		
Other Expenses			
Gas and oil	21 65		
Freight	7 15		
Tools	2 09		
Filing saws	2 00		
Time book	75		
Kerosene	46		
		4,519 84	
Total Expenses Highways			32,409 08
Forwarded		$32,409 08	$51,804 58

Brought forward			$51,804 58

CHARITIES

GENERAL ADMINISTRATION

Salary, Overseers	$100 00		
		100 00	

OUTSIDE RELIEF

Groceries	$863 22		
Fuel	127 10		
Board and care	519 14		
Medical aid	344 05		
Cash aid	289 00		
Rent	167 50		
Clothing	82 88		
Transportation	24 00		
		2,416 89	

RELIEF BY OTHER CITIES AND TOWNS

By Cities	$253 00		
		253 00	

MOTHERS AID

By Town	$351 00		
Other Cities and Towns	30 00		
		381 00	
Total Payments, Charity			3,150 89
Forwarded			$54,955 47

Brought forward			$54,955 47

SOLDIERS BENEFITS

State Aid	$213 00		
		213 00	
Soldier's Relief			
Cash Aid	$400 00		
Medical Aid	250 77		
		650 77	
Total Payments, Soldiers Benefits			863 77

SCHOOLS

GENERAL EXPENSES

Superintendent of Schools	$900 00		
School Committee			
Clerical work	125 00		
Truant Officer	100 00		
Truant Officer, expenses	17 00		
Stationery, postage, etc.	24 24		
Telephone	85 42		
Traveling expense	101 61		
School Census	30 00		
		1,383 27	

TEACHERS SALARIES

High	$10,720 75		
Elementary	10,712 55		
Special	1,554 40		
Retirement Fund	889 60		
		23,877 30	
Forwarded		$25,260 57	$81,079 81

Brought forward		$25,260 57	$81,079 81
TEXT BOOK AND SUPPLIES			
High	$1,254 39		
Elementary	1,055 25		
		2,309 64	
TRANSPORTATION			
Contract	$2,900 00		
Liability insurance	66 00		
		2,966 00	
JANITORS			
High	$ 750 00		
Elementary	1,250 00		
		2,000 00	
FUEL AND LIGHT			
High	$1,005 70		
Elementary	1,691 05		
		2,696 75	
MAINTENANCE OF BUILDINGS			
High	$617 99		
Elementary	802 31		
		1,420 30	
Forwarded		$36,653 26	$92,472 50

Brought forward		$36,653 26	$92,472 50
OTHER EXPENSES			
Rent of Hamilton Hall	$68 75		
Drinking water	23 00		
Tuning piano	8 50		
Freight and trucking	7 30		
Repairing clock	1 00		
		108 55	
Total Payments, Schools			36,761 81

SPECIAL SCHOOL APPROPRIATIONS

Industrial School Tuition	$ 275 02	
School House Insurance	1,827 19	
Center School Repairs	47 59	
Total Payments, School Division		38,911 61

PUBLIC LIBRARY

Salaries, Librarians	$530 00		
Books	495 73		
Periodicals	123 90		
Fuel	10 70		
Light	36 10		
Repairs	8 03		
Furniture	94 00		
Forwarded		$1,298 46	$94,730 85

Brought forward		$1,298 46	$94,730 85
Rent	120 00		
Other Expenses			
Stationery and postage	11 12		
Flowers, Miss Preston	15 00		
Library cards	38 19		
Car fare and expenses	9 00		
Transporting books	5 00		
Kerosene	5 44		
Clerical work	1 50		
P. O. Box rent	1 05		
		1,504 76	
Total Expenses Public Library			$1,504 76
RECREATION			
Parks	$14 81		
		14 81	14 81
UNCLASSIFIED			
Memorial Day	$172 46		
Town Clock	55 00		
Town Reports	300 35		
American Legion	275 00		
War Fund	399 42		
Boiler Insurance	53 40		
Finance Committee	10 85		
Highland Street Scales	82 91		
Welcome Home Committee	15 00		
Taillings Account	75		
		1,365 14	
Payments unclassified			1,365 14
Forwarded			$97,615 56

Brought forward			$97,615 56
	CEMETERY		
Salaries and Wages			
Superintendent	$91 93		
Labor	222 00		
Commissioners	45 00		
Repairs	59 37		
Other Expenses			
Horses and teams	54 38		
Repairing pump	6 80		
Car fare and expense	6 53		
Payments from Cemetery Appropriation		486 01	
Care of Endowed Lots		295 70	
Care of Soldier's Graves		49 16	
Payments Cemetery			830 87
	INTEREST		
On Temporary Loans	$1,840 79		
East School Bonds	697 50		
South School Bonds	58 80		
		2,597 09	
Total Payments Interest			2,597 09
	MUNICIPAL INDEBTEDNESS		
Revenue Loans	$60,000 00		
East School Bond	1,000 00		
South School Bond	980 00		
		61,980 00	
Total Indebtedness			61,980 00
Forwarded			$163,023 52

Brought forward			$163,023 52

AGENCY AND TRUST

AGENCY

State Tax	$10,640 00		
Special State Tax	501 60		
War Poll Tax (to State)	1,341 00		
County Tax	6,282 10		
Soldier's Exemption (to State)	8 93		
Street Railway Assessment	75 17		
		18,848 80	

TRUST

Perpetual Care Funds	$1,183 00		
		1,183 00	
Total Payments, Agency and Trust			20,031 80

REFUNDS

Taxes	$36 52		
Myopia Dog Tax (refunded to Town Clerk, paid by error to Treasurer)	50 00		
		86 52	
Total Refunds			86 52
Forwarded			$183,141 84

Brought forward		$183,141 84

BALANCES

General Cash, Dec. 31, 1920	$21,962 88		
Dodge Fund Income, Dec. 31, 1920	57 21		
Allen Fund Income, Dec. 31, 1920	100 17		
		22,120 26	22,120 26
			$205,262 10

RESERVE FUND (Ledger Account)

TRANSFERS			APPROPRIATIONS		
1920			1920		
Aug. 30	Health,	$400 00	Jan. 1	Carried over,	$453 61
	Care of soldier's lots,	50 00	March	appropriation,	1,000 00
Dec 31	Election and Reg.	35 11			
	Town hall,	160 06			
	Police,	299 59			
	Moth,	316 52			
	Health,	114 10			
	Town clock,	5 00			
	Waldingfield Rd.	62			
	Balance (carried over to 1921),	72 61			
		$1,453 61			$1,453 61

TOWN OF HAMILTON

Balance Sheet, December 31, 1920

ASSETS

Cash in bank and office		$22,120.26
Accounts receivable		
Taxes 1916	$ .40	
1917	27.96	
1918	756.60	
1919	2,199.63	
1920	10,875.81	
		13,860.40
Moth Assessments		
Moth 1917	$ .98	
1918	22.01	
1919	53.76	
1920	539.88	
		616.63
Abuttors Waldingfield Road		500.61
Revenue 1921		500.00
Commonwealth of Mass. (State Aid)		210.00
Overdrawn Appropriations (Offset to Liability)		
Forest Fire Warden	$559.98	
Assessors	103.50	
		663.48
		$38,471.38

LIABILITIES

Revenue Loans		$15,000.00
Overlay 1916	$ .40	
1917	27.96	
1918	16.87	
1919	1,179.78	
1920	496.11	
		1,721.12
Appropriation Balances		
Legislative Committee	76.50	
Industrial School Tuition	224.98	
Interest	402.66	
War Fund	75.58	
Reserve Fund	72.61	
		852.33
Norman Fund		15.66
Dodge Fund Income		52.45
Allen Fund Income		100 17
Overlay Reserve		3,017.14
Special Cemetery Fund (Receipts from sale of lots and graves)		55.00
Tailings Account (Outstanding checks prior to Jan. 1, 1918)		42.81
Excess and Deficiency (Surplus)		17,614.40
		$38,471.38

DEBT ACCOUNT

Net Bonded Debt	$15,980.00	South School Bond	$ 980.00
		East School Bonds	15,000.00
	$15,980.00		$15,980.00

TRUST FUNDS

Cash and Securities	$8,619.64	Perpetual Care Funds	$7,082.77
		Dodge Library Fund	1,036.87
		Allen Library Fund	500.00
	$8,619.64		$8,619.64

PERPETUAL CARE FUNDS

December 31, 1920

	Endowment	Balance Jan. 1, 1920	Receipts	Payments	Balanre Dec. 31, 1920
Abbott, M. K.	$200.00	$237.48	$14.40	$13.00	$238.88
Allen, Albert F.	100.00	109.64	6.62	6.50	109.76
Allen, D. S.	300.00	465.03	28.24	22.00	471.27
Allen, Dr. Justin	100.00	110.22	6.64	8.00	108.86
Andrews, Horace E.	100.00	108.47	4.77	6.50	106.74
Ayers Fund	150.00	172.74	10.40	13.00	170.14
Bean, Ellen A.	100.00	112.74	6.80	6.50	113.04
Brown, Elizabeth S.	100.00	114 58	6.92	10.00	111.50
Burnham, Amos	100.00	118.66	7.18	6.50	119.34
Burnham, Choate	175.00	193.76	11.70	12.00	193.46
Burton, F. J. & P. W.	100.00	100.00	9.14	6.50	102.64
Butler, N. B.	100.00	111.75	4.89	8.00	108.64
Dane, Francis	1,000.00	1,234.97	75.38	20.00	1,290.35
Dane, Joseph F.	100.00	100.00	6.80	5.75	101.05
Dane, Luther	100.00	115.92	7.00	6.50	116.42
Davenport, J. K.	100.00	107.84	6.50	6.50	107.84
Dodge, Edward W.	100.00	100.00	5 68	3.63	102.05
Dodge, H. Augusta	200.00	265.54	16.14	9.00	272.68
Dodge, J. E.	100.00	107.32	4.73	7.00	105.05
Dodge, Joseph T.	100.00	111.80	6.76	6.50	112.06
Dufton, Joseph W.	100.00	100.00	7.99	5.00	102.99
Fillebrown, H. K.	50.00	52.56	2.28	4.00	50.84
Gleason, William T.	100.00	107.84	6.50	6.00	108.34
Graham, Charles E.	50.00	50.00	2.84	2.00	50.84
Haynes, George T.	100.00	118.42	7.14	8.50	117.06
Horne, Thomas	100.00	106.18	4.73	4.50	106.41
Kinsman, Jacob	100.00	114.08	6.90	6.50	114.48
Mason, Arthur	100.00	108.29	4.77	6.50	106.56
Patch, Emeline	100.00	100.00	5.68	3.63	102.05

Patch, Laura	100.00	108.31	4.77	6.50	106.58
Peterson, Charles A.	100.00	109.51	4.82	6.50	107.83
Roberts, Daniel	100.00	106.30	6.40	8.00	104.70
Safford, Daniel	100.00	120.34	7.28	6.00	121.62
Townsend, William E.	100.00	108.00	6.54	6.50	108.04
Whipple, Albert E.	100.00	106.18	4.64	8.00	102.82
Whipple, Hannah M.	100.00	105.56	6.36	6.50	105.42
Whipple, L. D.	100.00	101.22	7.30	8.00	120.52
Added in 1920:					
Lovering, Joseph F.	100.00		103.40	2.50	100.90
Dane, Ephraim A.	108.00		111.24	3.24	108.00
Cutler, Temple (old lot)	75.00		76.41	1.41	75.00
Cutler, Temple (new lot)	75.00		76.41	1.41	75.00
Preston, Thomas	100.00		100.00		100.00
Goodhue, Samuel G.	100.00		101.13	1.13	100.00
Tuttle, John	100.00		100.00		100.00
McNeil, Hattie	100.00		100.00		100.00
Henry, Mary R.	75.00		75.00		75.00
Knowlton, Isaac F.	200.00		200.00		200,00
Kimball, Susan A.	150.00		150.00		150.00
	$6,208.00	$5,841.25	$1,537.22	$295.70	$7,082.77

Savings Bank Deposits at beginning of year,	$5,841.25
Savings Bank Deposits at end of year,	7,082.77

Receipts		Payments	
Deposits for care	$1,183.00	Care of Lots	$ 295.70
Interest	354.22	Deposited in Bank	1,241.52
	$1,537.22		$1,537.22

The above payments for care of endowed lots are for two years. Care 1919 paid February, 1920, and Care 1920 paid December, 1920.

PUBLIC LIBRARY TRUST FUNDS

December 31, 1920

DR. JUSTIN ALLEN FUND

Savings Bank deposit at beginning of year	$500 00
Savings Bank deposit at end of year	500 00

Allen Fund Income

RECEIPTS		PAYMENTS	
Cash on hand at beginning of year	$77 42	Cash on hand at end of year	$100 17
Interest	22 75		
	$100 17		$100 17

H. A. DODGE FUND

(GAIL HAMILTON READING ROOM)

United Fruit Bond (par value)	$1,000 00	
Savings Bank deposit	36 87	
Total principal at beginning of year		$1,036 87
United Fruit Bond (par value)	$1,000 00	
Savings Bank deposit	36 87	
Total principal at end of year		$1,036 87

Dodge Fund Income

RECEIPTS		PAYMENTS	
Cash on hand at beginning of year	$10 57	Periodicals	$4 76
Interest	46 64	Cash on hand at end of year	52 45
	$57 21		$57 21

Respectfully submitted,

Clarence S. Knowlton,
Town Accountant.

TREASURER'S CASH

Town of Hamilton, Dec. 31, 1920

Cash on hand, Dec. 31, 1920		$22,120 26
Merchants Nat. Bank, deposit	$20,603 83	
Cash on hand, deposited in January	1,516 43	
		$22,120 26
Merchants Nat. Bank, per check book	$20,603 83	
Outstanding checks (list in detail)	2,637 49	
Merchants Nat. Bank, Dec. 31, statement	$23,241 32	
Cash on hand Jan. 1, 1920	$28,907 73	
Receipts in 1920	176,354 37	
		$205,262 10
Payments in 1920	$183,141 84	
Cash on hand Dec. 31, 1920	22,120 26	
		$205,262 10

JOHN L. WOODBURY,
Treasurer.

Report of Town Clerk

BIRTHS RECORDED

1920

January	8	Irene Evelyn, daughter of Sydney C. and Olja (Nisje) Abraham.
February	7	Patrick, son of Michael and Kate (McEvilly) Darcy.
March	6	Ruth Lovering, daughter of Arthur and Clara (Haraden) Day.
March	6	Robert Purdy, son of Edward and Emma (Lougee) McGregor.
March	9	Madlon Louise, daughter of Harold C . and Margaret (Early) Back.
March	13	Still-born.
April	25	John Francis, Jr., son of John F. and Marion (Flynn) Burns.
May	5	Robert Hustis, son of Herbert and Frances (Bales) Archibald.
June	27	Frances, daughter of George v. L. and Frances (Saltonstall) Meyer.
July	18	Anne Bell, daughter of Albert C., Jr. and Anne (Shirk) Burrage.
July	19	Philip Victor, son of James Morris and Mildred (Smith) Jeffery.
July	29	Betty Annette, daughter of Lee Harold and Rosamond (Butler) Cushman.
July	31	Kathleen, daughter of Frank and Mary (O'Brien) Conti.
August	2	Helen Bessie, daughter of Edward and Olive (Plummer) Stevens.

August	11	Norman Arnold, son of Hans and Elma (Laake) Nielson.
August	23	Lester Dean, son of Otho and Stella (Hodgson) Charles.
September	1	Mary Elizabeth, daughter of Thomas and Julia (Burke) Sargent.
September	18	Marion Elizabeth, daughter of Charles and Marion (Dennis) Cuddy.
September	19	Helen Edith, daughter of Amos and Edith (Dodge) Fuller.
October	1	Joseph Conlon, son of Joseph and Mary K. (Conlon) McDonald.
October	4	Gordon Leland, son of Leland D. and Marion (Crowley) Thompson.
November	2	Anna Serca, daughter of Gabriel and Michalina (Rowianka) Lygo.
November	26	Morman Joseph, son of Ovid and Loretta (Back) Tremblay.
December	7	Norman Raymond, son of James W. and Bertha (Atwood) O'Brien.
December	19	George Herman, Jr., son of George H. and Ethel A. (Adams) Sprague.
December	20	Still-born.

MARRIAGES RECORDED

John F. Burns of Hamilton,
Mary E. Flynn of Wenham.

Leland D. Thompson of Hamilton,
Marion A. Crowley of Hamilton.

Henry L. Lane of Manchester,
Ruth M. Cross of Hamilton.

John H. Caverly of Hamilton,
Edith C. Lane of Stratham, N. H.

Robert J. Reid of Salem,
Alda B. Fitch of Salem.

Leverett L. Durkee of Hamilton,
Grace E. Durkee of Peabody.

Ovide Tremblay of Hamilton,
Loretta G. Back of Hamilton.

Lester S. Durkee of Hamilton,
Marion H. Fairfield of Salem.

Arthur R. Conley of Chelsea,
Ruth Hathaway of Hamilton.

Alvah I. Day of Hamilton,
Myra G. M. Gilmore of Ipswich.

Raymond W. Curtis of Swampscott,
Louise C. Shaw of Marblehead.

Harold E. Porter of Hamilton,
Lydia M. Preston of Beverly.

Rowland Dufton of Hamilton,
Eleanor G. Peterson of Hamilton.

Herman W. Shaneck of Boston,
E. Muriel Adams of Hamilton.

John D. H. Gauss of Salem,
Ethel R. Gregware of Hamilton.

Harold G. Allen of Hamilton,
Maud Burrows of Hamilton.

Lewis H. Dodge of Hamilton,
Olive E. Harraden of Hamilton.

Henry R. Walker, Jr., of Boston,
Georgianna E. Perkins of Hamilton.

DEATHS RECORDED

			Yrs.	mos.	days
			Yrs.	mos.	days
January	2	Joseph N. Walker	83	1	29
January	21	Thelma M. Ball	13	5	10
February	1	Abbie M. Caverley	82	7	18
February	2	Ida H. Porter	61	10	28
February	12	Patrick Darcy	0	0	4
February	14	Annie S. Preston	57	3	10
February	16	Haakon Dalagaard	33	1	29
March	13	Stillborn			
May	12	Ella Libby	76	2	22
May	26	Dennis Flarerty	72	2	8
June	21	George H. Friend	73	6	18
August	27	Ralph E. Ruddock, Jr.	0	0	9
September	2	Emma H. Kennison	62	4	8
September	6	Charles A. Hobbs	80	5	7
September	12	Susan A. Kimball	89	4	27
October	8	Eddy A. Frear	59	3	1
October	13	Sarah W. Knowlton	80	8	0
October	21	Joseph Chludzinski	2	2	13
October	29	Michael Mullins	36	0	0
November	9	Lucy Channel	85	0	23
November	25	Mary A. Hazlett	76	5	25
December	13	Lydia A. Brown	74	8	13

December	20	Stillborn			
December	29	Abbie Rankins	93	6	10
December	30	James L. Dixon	23	6	24

BROUGHT INTO TOWN

William J. Norwood	50	0	16
Hannah N. Whipple	74	0	0
Susan Shatswell	85	6	28
Jennie A. Preston	49	7	28
George H. Dane	36	1	21

REGISTRATION

There have been seven meetings of the Registrars of Voters for registration. Three were at the Engine House, South Hamilton, and four at the Town Hall.

Sixty-three male and two hundred female voters were added to the list, making total registration December 31, 1920:

Males	420
Females	294
Total	714

DOG LICENSES

There were issued the past year dog licenses as follows:

79 males
17 females
5 breeder's

Paid Essex County, $447.80.

HUNTERS' LICENSES

The issue of Hunters, Fishing and Trapping licenses were as follows:

Hunting (citizen)	107
Fishing (citizen)	4
Fishing (alien)	2
Trapping (minors)	4

Paid Commonwealth of Massachusetts, $94.45.

OTHER LICENSES

Pool	1
Oleo	5

Paid Town Treasurer, $4.50.

TOWN MEETINGS

There were three Town Meetings in 1920, as follows:

Regular, March 9, 1920.
Special, August 11, 1920.
Special, October 15, 1920.

Appropriations at Regular Town Meeting:

From Revenue	$96,235 00
From Surplus	6,075 64

Appropriations at Special Town Meeting:

From Revenue 1921	$500 00

RESULT OF ANNUAL TOWN ELECTION

Votes by men	295
Votes by women	11
Total vote	306

	Those marked with (*) elected.	
Moderator	*Robert B. Walsh	241
Town Clerk	*Clarence S. Knowlton	269
Selectmen,	*Arthur C. Cummings	207
Overseers and	*Avon D. Bradeen	168
Board of Health	*George H. Gibney	162
	Chester A. Foster	152
	Erle G. Brewer	119
Assessor	*George H. Gibney	243
Treasurer	*John L. Woodbury	262
Tax Collector	*Charles W. Appleton	259
Tree Warden	*Harry R. McGregor	253
Constables	*Charles H. Smith	246
	*Alfred T. Poole	245
	*Leroy S. Dodge	242
School Com'tte	*Adelaide D. Walsh	228
Trustee Public	*Edward A. Underhill	184
Library	Alaska L. Weiler	69
Cemetery Commissioner	*George K. Knowlton	247
Park Commissioner	*Edward J. Ready	228
License	Yes	195
	No	84

REGISTRATION OF ROLL OF HONOR MEN

The following Service Men who served in the World War have not registered in the Town Clerk's office. This registration is a permanent record and for all time, and it is important that all returned Service Men should register, as in no other way is it possible for the Town Clerk to obtain the required data.

Anderson, Carl C.
Berry, Ralph C.
Brown, Charles R.
Brumby, William Leo
Burke, John
Burrage, Albert C., Jr.
Caverly, Laurence C.
Caverly, John Harold
Codman, Julian
Cook, Horace S.
Davis, Charles H.
Davis, K. Stoughton
Diggins, William M.
Dukett, Alexander E.
Duran, Peter J.
Eckhoff, Olaus
Felton, Cornelius C.
Folsom, Hiram T.
Gerry, Joseph
Gibney, Clarence M.
Goodhue, William
Grant, Silas Warren
Haraden, Samuel T.
Hickey, John M.
Hodgson, James C.
Hughes, James J.
Jones, William T.
Landers, William M.
Low, Burton A.
Marcepoil, Paul
McGinn, Arthur
McGlauflin, Cedric B.
McGlauflin, Charles A.
Merry, Harold
Mullins, Robert
O'Leary, John M.
Pitman, Hiram N.
Pitman, Ephraim
Poole, James E.
Porter, Harold E.
Price, George
Price, Herbert
Price, William
Proctor, James H.
Proctor, Thomas E., 2nd
Ramsdell, Frank H.
Rice, Neil W.
Robbins, Reginald
Smith, George Ritche
Smith, Joseph H., Jr.
Sortwell, Alvin F.
Sullivan, Michael J.
Taylor, William
Thompson, John
Tucker, Joseph
Tuckerman, Bayard, Jr.
Varnum, Roy E.
Wallace, William J.

BRONZE MEDALS

The Bronze Medals made by the Town for her Service Men are undelivered to the following men, for the reason that they have

not been called for and we have no address to which to forward them. Upon receipt of address they will be sent by registered mail.

William M. Diggins
Robert Mullins
William J. Wallace
Paul Marcepoil
John M. O'Leary
Michael J. Sullivan

STATE GUARD SERVICE BUTTONS

State Guard Service Buttons, authorized by Chap. 43, Resolves of 1920, have not been called for by the following members of the former Company G, 15th Regiment Infantry:

Robert Robertson, Jr.
Sydney S. Cook
Edwin P. Cummings
Richard Curry
Randolph B. Dodge
Leverett P. Durkee
Ernest M. Haraden
John Hollinshead
Joseph Jeddrie
Samuel Johnson
Edwin Jones
Roy M. Ramsdell
C. Arthur Leach
Charles S. Smith
Charles L. Trefry
Charles E. Lamont
George A. Landers
George A. Landers, Jr.
James J. Merrill
Walter K. Morgan
Thomas Mulhurn
Peter MacCurrach
Finlay D. MacDonald
Edward W. McGregor
Simon McKiernan
Ralph S. Putnam
Philip Sculley
Alvin B. Spencer
Gordon C. Vaughan
William H. Wallace
Charles H. Berry
Homer E. Callahan
James W. McGinley

These Service Buttons cannot be mailed, as the Adjutant General requires a receipt opposite each name on the list. He requests this office to return the receipts and all uncalled-for buttons in a reasonable time.

Respectfully submitted,

CLARENCE S. KNOWLTON,
Town Clerk.

Report of the Assessors

Value of buildings	$2,201,975 00	
Value of land	1,395,105 00	
Value of real estate		$3,597,080 00
Value of tangible personal		653,709 00
Total valuation		$4,250,789 00
Tax on real estate	$57,553 28	
Tax on personal	10,459 34	
Tax on polls	2,235 00	
Total tax levy		$70,247 62
War poll tax (to State)		1,341 00
Moth tax		1,559 32
Rate per thousand		16 00
Number of horses		242
" " cows		256
" " neat cattle		32
" " sheep		60
" " swine		68
" " fowls		3,040
" " dwellings		848
" " acres of land		8,576
" " residents assessed on property		582
" " all others		51
" " non-residents assessed on property		429
" " all others		66
" " polls assessed		447
" " polls exempted		78
" " polls listed		525
" " polls only		15
" " persons assessed		1,143

TOWN EXPENSES

Town Appropriations (from revenue)	$96,235 00	
State Tax	10,640 00	
State Tax, special	501 60	
War Poll Tax	1,341 00	
State Highway Tax	620 20	
State Audit	132 96	
County Tax	6,282 10	
Overlay	1,331 63	
Eastern Mass. Street Railway Tax	75 17	
Total Expenses		$117,159 66

ESTIMATED RECEIPTS

Income Tax	$38,814 04	
Public Service Corporation Tax	4,300 00	
Bank Tax	1,200 00	
Moth Tax	1,500 00	
Charity	400 00	
State Aid	228 00	
Income Tax (Teachers' Salaries)	3,370 00	
Waldingfield Road	2,000 00	
Moth (from State)	600 00	
All other	500 00	
Total Estimated Revenue		$46,912 04
Balance, Tax levy of 1920		$70,247 62

GEORGE H. GIBNEY,
GEORGE M. ADAMS,
JESSE S. MANN,
Assessors.

Report of Police Department

To the Honorable Board of Selectmen.

Gentlemen: I wish to submit my annual report for the Police Department for the year ending December 31, 1920.

Whole number of arrests during the year, 20, divided as follows:

Males	19
Females	1
Native-born	16
Foreign-born	3
Adults	16
Minors	4
Residents	9
Non-resident s	11

RECAPITULATION

Crimes against the person	1
Crimes against property	5
Crimes against public order	14
Persons committed to station	1
Persons arrested on warrants	19

OFFENCES

Assault	1
Violation automobile law	9
Non-support	2
Larceny	5
Neglected Children	2
Violation school law	1

DISTRICT COURT—DISPOSITION

Essex County Training School (Lawrence)	1
Appealed	3
Discharged	1
Fined	9
Probated	2
Probated, reparation and cost	1
Probated, reparation, cost and suspended sentence	3

SUPERIOR COURT—CASES DISPOSED OF

Salem Jail	1
Filed	1
Settled out of Court	1
Fined	1
Ordered to contribute to support of children	2

ARRESTS MADE BY OFFICERS

Poole	10
Dever	9
Wood	1

OFFICERS ATTENDANCE AT COURT

Poole	32
Smith, W. L.	3
Smith, C. H.	1
Saunders	1
Wood	2
Dever	3

HOURS OF DUTY PERFORMED BY OFFICERS

Dodge	10	W. L. Smith	217
Deneen	230	C. H. Smith	91
Haraden	27	Saunders	115
Perley	189	Wood	39
Dever	351		

COMPLAINTS RECEIVED AND INVESTIGATED

Dodge	0	Poole	44
Deneen	3	W. L. Smith	15
Haraden	3	C. H. Smith	5
Perley	30	Saunders	6
Dever	3	Wood	8

MISCELLANEOUS

Bicycles reported stolen	1
Bicycles found and recovered	1
Other property reported lost or stolen (value about)	$590
Other property found and recovered (value about)	$140
Complaints investigated	113
Fires extinguished	1
Buildings found open	7
Disturbances	11
Dogs reported lost	3
Dogs found and returned to owner	2
Dogs killed	3
Itinerant persons ordered to leave town	24
Lights reported out	46
Summons served	11
Dangerous wires reported	5
Obstructions removed	9
Accidents reported	37
Accidents resulting in death	1

Persons taken to hospital	2
Persons receiving assistance	24
Persons committed to State Hospital (Danvers)	1
Police assistance to out-of-town officers	12
Police assistance by out-of-town officers	10
Inquests attended	1
Court attendance by all officers	42
Reports to Prison Commission	1
Reports to Highway Commission	4
Letters, postal cards, and circulars received	175
Letters, postal cards, and notices sent out	280

I wish to thank all who have in any way assisted me or any member of the department.

Respectfully submitted,

ALFRED T. POOLE,
Chief of Police.

Report of Fire Engineers

To the Honorable Board of Selectmen.

Gentlemen: We wish to submit to you the sixth annual report of the Board of Engineers of the Fire Department for the year ending December 31, 1920.

We wish again to call your attention to the housing conditions of the Department at the present time. While we understand that the Committee appointed to investigate the advisability of erecting a new engine house will not report favorably at this time, and while we appreciate their stand, under the present conditions of cost, we feel sure they will recommend some changes to our present house which will be looked upon with favor by your Honorable Board and the voters of the Town. We do not wish the voters to think that we are blind to the conditions of finance and the high cost of construction at this time, or that we have forgotten to appreciate the support that they have always tendered us in the past. We fully realize the fact that results are obtained through proper organization and equipment, whether they be housed in a palace or a shack; but we do hope that the Town may at least see fit to make some much needed repairs and overcome in some slight degree our present congested and unsanitary conditions.

During the past year the Department has responded to twenty-two (22) alarms. Of these, eight (8) were for grass fires, four (4) for wood fires, eight (8) for building fires, one (1) auto, and one (1) false alarm. Two of the building fires were total losses. The fire of January 25, shown on the table below, happened during a blizzard which made it absolutely impossible to get the apparatus there. The fire of March 25 was one of the summer cottages at Asbury Grove and was too far under way before the Department was notified. At the latter fire the Town of

Wenham assisted greatly, with its new pump, in keeping it from spreading to other buildings.

Date	Owner	Street	Dist. No.	Cause
Jan. 6	—— Chaplain	Union	21	Grass
Jan. 8	A. C. Burrage	Main	21	Grass
Jan. 25	Eli Drouin	Railroad Ave. ext.	21	Overheated stove
Mar. 25	Inez Chandler	Topsfield Road	31	Oil stove
Apr. 11	Catherine McDonald	Union	21	Grass
Apr. 15	A. Cochrane	Main	24	Grass
Apr. 15	Myopia Hunt Club	Miles River Rd.	16	Grass
Apr. 20	B. Tuckerman, Jr.	Highland	31	Grass
Apr. 20	B. Tuckerman, Jr.	Highland	31	Grass
Apr. 20	E. Lawrence	Chestnut	21	Grass
May 16	C. Mears	Essex	13	Chimney
May 29	G. F. Emmons	Idlewood	41	Unknown
May 31	—— Vittum	Mingo Park	41	Woods
Aug. 8	James Brock	Rust	21	Oil stove
Aug.29	Robert Spenoer	Asbury Grove	31	Oil stove
Sept. 1	William Woods	Main St. (highway)	21	Auto.
Oct. 22			5-5	False
Oct. 24	Chebacco Woods		15	Woods
Oct. 26	Chebacco Woods		15	Woods
Oct. 27	Chebacco Woods		15	Woods
Dec. 7	Frank Bell	Asbury St.	31	Chimney
Dec. 14	Geo. C. Vaughan	Moulton	24	Electric wires

FIRES

Thanking everyone who has assisted the Department in its endeavor to be of real value to the Town, we remain,

Respectfully,

GEORGE F. PENDEXTER,
Chief,
ERLE C. BREWER,
FRANK DANE,
LESTER M. WHIPPLE,
RODNEY H. ADAMS,
Board of Engineers.

Report of Cemetery Commissioners

Following is a report of the Cemetery Commissioners for the year closing December 31, 1920.

George H. Haraden was appointed superintendent.

Town Appropriation		$500 00
Paid Superintendent	$ 91 93	
Labor, including teams	276 38	
Slating receiving tomb roof	45 00	
Repairing pump	6 80	
Fencing material and paint	13 30	
Salary of Commissioners	45 00	
All other expenses	7 60	
		486 01
Balance unexpended		$13 99

Four lots on Main avenue, numbered 194, 195, 196, 197, set apart for single graves, having now been nearly filled, Section 9 on Greenwood avenue has been opened for single graves.

Interments in this section are to begin with Lot No. 529, corner Greenwood and Oak avenues, and shall be in regular and successive order, each lot to be filled before any interment shall be made in the lot of next higher number.

All single graves are sold with guarantee of perpetual care by the Town.

All endowed lots are cared for with interest from endowment funds.

No endowment should be less than $100.00.

Chapter 218, Acts of 1920, provides for the care of every

cemetery lot where there is a grave of any person who has served in the Army, Navy, or Marine Corps of the United States in time of war or insurrection and who has been honorably discharged from such service or released from active duty therein.

If the cost of such care and maintenance is not paid by private persons, or by trustees of the cemetery where any such grave is situated, it shall be paid by the city or town.

Our needs for cemetery use for 1921 require an appropriation of $500.00. This amount does not provide for the expenses of care of soldiers' lots and graves, which must by law be paid by the Town.

George K. Knowlton,
Francis C. Norton,
George H. Gibney,

Cemetery Commissioners.

Report of Park Commissioners

In our report of the Central Park on Main Street we have to say that it affords a public recreation and resting place for all who care to use it.

Among the many strangers who pass by this park, especially in the summer, probably not one would recognize the ground as a public place where they can stop and rest awhile if they wish.

That it may be known as such, a sign to this effect should be placed there in the spring.

An appropriation of $125.00 will probably be sufficient for all park expenses for 1921.

For financial matters see Accountant's report.

George K. Knowlton,
Francis C. Norton,
E. J. Ready,
Park Commissioners.

Report of Public Library Trustees
1920

Your Trustees report a most gratifying year in the work of the Public Library.

At the Main Library the circulation has increased considerably over that of last year, and some five thousand books have been taken out.The Reading and Magazine Room, containing practically every magazine of any value published, has also shown a steady increase in attendance.

At the South Hamilton Branch, the increased growth of circulation has been remarkable, the number of books having been taken out during the year approximating fifteen thousand (15,000). An ever-increasing interest is also manifested in the Reading Room, which is always well filled, and has the same list of magazines as are provided at the Main Library. Last summer an electric fan was installed, which added greatly to the comfort of readers. This winter a new stove was put in, and it has met all requirements of heat.

The Trustees feel the time is rapidly coming when larger quarters for the Branch will be imperative, and earnestly hope that, in the event of any new municipal building being erected at South Hamilton, space will be reserved for the Branch Library.

The Trustees have endeavored at all times to keep a healthy supply of new books flowing into the Library, in spite of the fact that the price of books has nearly doubled that of former years.

A set of Rules and Regulations has been formulated and adopted by the Trustees, copies of which have been posted at each Library, and it is hoped that compliance with these will result in benefit to all users of the Library.

As to gifts, statistics relating to new books and similar details, we refer to the Librarian's report for details.

Respectfully submitted,

ROBERT B. WALSH,
ARTHUR W. CHANDLER,
EDWARD A. UNDERHILL,
Trustees of Public Library.

Librarian's Report

To the Trustees of the Public Library.

Gentlemen: My report as Librarian for 1919 is herewith submitted.

The records for 1920 show a large increase in the number of cards issued. We notice a larger interest being taken in the Library by the residents of East Hamilton.

The circulation at the Main Library was about four thousand for the past year.

We acknowledge three gifts of magazines and three gifts of books. Mrs. Geo. v. L. Meyer very kindly presented us with two volumes of the Life of our of our illustrious townsman, Hon. George von Lengerke Meyer. One volume has been placed in each Library. Mr. Jeremiah Norris, a Civil War veteran, has also presented the Library with an invaluable Record of the Massachusetts Volunteers, 1861-1865, giving the record of every Bay State soldier in the Civil War.

We also acknowledge check from Mr. Julian Codman, to be used by the Librarian for purchase of books. Seven boys' books were purchased with this check.

The Librarian and Assistant, through the courtesy of the Trustees, attended the Library Institute at Simmons College in July. These sessions at the College proved very helpful to them.

Three hundred eighty-two books have been added this year. Five hundred twenty-seven books have been sent to the Branch Library. Two hundred fifty of these books were new, bought the latter part of 1919 and in 1920. Three hundred seventy were returned to Main Library for storage.

The Main Library is open Wednesday and Saturday from 3 to 5 and 7 to 9 p. m.

Respectfully submitted,

LYDIA L. HARADEN.

ETHICS

Blackford, Katherine	
Analyzing Character	170.7
Lecky, William E. H.	
The Map of Life	170 L

MYTHS

Bailey, Carolyn S.	
Wonder Stories	291 B 1

ESSAYS AND SOCIOLOGY

David, Evan J.	
Leonard Wood on National Issues	350 D
Deland, Margaret	
The Common Way	304 D
Be Weese, Turman	
The Bend in the Road	304 W
Bigwood, George	
Cotton	338 B
Omerod, Frank	
Wool	338 O
Fay, Charles N.	
Labor in Politics	331 F

BIRDS

Chapman, Frank M.	
What Bird is That?	598.2 C

FINE ARTS

Hill, Henry C.	
Wonder Book of Knowledge	604 H

Streeter, John W.
The Fat of the Land 630 S
Conyers, Dorothea
Sporting Reminiscences 798 C
Holliday, Robert C.
Walking Stick Papers 804 H

GEOGRAPHY AND TRAVEL

Baedecker, Karl
Italy from the Alps to Naples 914.5 B
Howells, William D.
Roman Holidays 914.56
London Films 914.21
Service, C. M.
Parks and Memorials of the State of Illinois 917.73

HISTORY

Braithwaite, William S.
Boy's Story of the Great War j 940.91 B
Cutler, Rev. Fred M.
The Fifty-fifth Artillery 940.91 C
Gibbs, Philip
Now it can be told 940.91 G
Servis, Lieut. E. D. and McGinnis, Corp. Wm.
Smashing Through with Battery C (Y. D.) 940.91 S & M
Merlant, Capt. Joachim
Soldiers and sailors of France in the American War for Independence 973.3 M
Sabin, Edwin L.
Boy's Book of Frontier Fighters j 923.9
Tappan, Era M.
Hero Stories of France j 944.018

Matthews, Basil
Argonauts of Faith j 974.48

BIOGRAPHY

Wood, Eric Fisher
Life of Leonard Wood B.W 19
Holme, John G.
Life of Leonard Wood B.W 19 H
Howe, M. A. DeWolfe
Life and Service of George von Lengerke Meyer B.M 18
Thayer, William R.
Theodore Roosevelt, 100% American B.R 10
Frohman, Charles
Charles Frohman, Manager and Man 927.92

TOWN OF HAMILTON

REPORT

OF THE

Finance and Advisory Committee

ON THE

Appropriations and Articles

FOR THE

ANNUAL TOWN MEETING

March 8, 1921

SALEM, MASS.:
NEWCOMB & GAUSS, PRINTERS
1921

Report of Finance and Advisory Committee

To the Citizens of the Town of Hamilton.

Your committee have examined the financial needs for the maintenance of the various departments of the town, and to provide for the payment of principal and interest due on bonds and notes for the fiscal year; and have also investigated all requests calling for appropriations of money in the various Articles of the Town Warrant; and after careful consideration, we make the recommendations given below in this report.

Your committee have made the following transfers from the Reserve Fund during the past year:

August 30, 1920:		
Health	$400 00	
Care of Soldiers' Graves	50 00	
December 31:		
Election and Registration	35 11	
Police	299 59	
Town Hall	160 06	
Moth	316 52	
Health	114 10	
Town Clock	5 00	
Waldingfield Road	62	
		$1,381 00

We have recommended, under Article 13, expenditure of an amount not to exceed $3,100.00. This we have done after investigation of conditions at the Engine House and the assurance from the committee that the alterations and repairs will defer the erection of a new building for ten years.

We would like very much to be able to clearly bring before you the conditions of today, as they relate to Article 15, "the erection of a new High School." We have but recently passed through the period of high market prices; we have crossed the peak of such conditions, but we are still far, very far, from normal ground, i. e., one hundred cents value for one dollar spent. We do not believe or expect that we should wait until this time shall arrive, but we do believe that we should receive at least seventy-five cents value in return for each dollar which we spend for this purpose. Sound finance demands and expects economy in expenditure of public moneys, especially for new and permanent construction. For this reason, we do not reccommend the appropriation of money for the erection of a new High School at this time.

We believe that the insurance on the Town Hall should be increased from $33,000.00 to cover a value of $45,000.00, and recommend the amount set forth against said appropriation, to insure for a period of five years.

ARTICLE 4.

Under Article 4, Salaries and Fees for each department, as well as expenses, are included in the appropriation for said department. A complete list of Salaries and Fees recommended is given on the page following the list of these department appropriations.

To raise and appropriate money for:

	Appropriated 1920	*Called for* 1921	*Recommended* 1921
Street Lighting	$5,400 00	$5,500 00	$5,500 00
Highway	11,000 00	14,000 00	14,000 00
Poor Department	4,000 00	4,000 00	4,000 00
State Aid	500 00	300 00	300 00
Soldiers' Relief and Military Aid	750 00	700 00	700 00
Town Hall	1,500 00	1,600 00	1,600 00
Fire Department	1,250 00	1,250 00	1,250 00
Cemetery	550 00	850 00	850 00
Park Commission	25 00	100 00	100 00
Tree Warden	800 00	800 00	800 00
Selectmen	1,100 00	1,100 00	1,100 00
Assessors	1,000 00	1,200 00	1,200 00
Treasurer	650 00	900 00	900 00
Collector	800 00	800 00	800 00
Accounting	1,100 00	1,100 00	1,100 00
Town Clerk	550 00	550 00	550 00
Police	2,235 00	2,500 00	2,500 00
Snow Removal	11,000 00	1,500 00	1,500 00
Finance Committee	25 00	25 00	25 00
Board of Health	500 00	1,000 00	1,000 00
Printing Town Reports	310 00	300 00	300 00
Brown Tail and Gypsy Moth Work	4,350 00	4,500 00	4,500 00
Memorial Day	300 00	200 00	200 00
School House Loans	$1,980 00	1,980 00	*1,980 00
Interest on Tax	2,830 00	2,500 00	*2,500 00
Boiler Insurance	55 00	40 00	40 00
Schools	37,875 00	40,300 00	40,300 00
School House Insurance	2,000 00	1,000 00	1,000 00

	Appropriated 1920	*Called for* 1921	*Recommended* 1921
Sealer of Weights and Measures	150 00	150 00	150 00
Election and Registration	765 00	500 00	500 00
Moderator	50 00	50 00	50 00
Legal Expenses	100 00	100 00	100 00
Certifying Town Notes	10 00	20 00	20 00
Cattle Inspector	60 00	75 00	75 00
Town Clock	50 00	50 00	50 00
Public Library	1,500 00	2,000 00	2,000 00
Forest Fire Warden	25 00	50 00	50 00
Town Hall Insurance	.....	1,500 00	1,500 00
Reserve Fund	**1,381 00	2,000 00	*2,000 00
	$98,526 00	$97,090 00	$97,090 00

*Recommended from Excess and Deficiency Fund.
**Transferred during year 1920.

MEMORANDOM OF SALARIES AND FEES INCLUDED IN FOREGOING APPROPRIATION UNDER ARTICLE 4

Selectmen, Chairman	$350 00	Overseers of Poor	
2d member	250 00	Chairman	$50 00
3d member	250 00	2d member	25 00
Treasurer	750 00	3d member	25 00
Collector	500 00	Registrars, $50 each	200 00
Town Clerk	300 00	Election Officers and	
Allowance and expenses and fees	150 00	Tellers, $10 each	100 00
Town Accountant	1,000 00	Moderator, $10 per meeting	50 00
Board of Health		Sealer	75 00
Chairman	50 00	Forest Fire Warden	10 00
2d member	25 00	Allowance for fees of	
3d member	25 00	Cattle Inspector	75 00
		Assessors, per day	5 00

ARTICLE 5.

Transfer from Excess and Deficiency Fund to meet overdrafts in Assessors' and Forest Fire Warden's Departments.

Called for by Article, $663.48. Recommended, $663.48.

ARTICLE 6.

Report of Committee on Memorials.

Left for action by the Town.

ARTICLE 7.

Petition of A. P. Gardner Post, American Legion.

Called for by Article, $200.00. Recommended, $200.00.

ARTICLE 8.

One Street Light on Mill Street.

Called for by Article, $18.50. Recommended, $18.50.

ARTICLE 9.

Two Street Lights on Grant Avenue.

Called for by Article $37.00. Recommended $37.00.

ARTICLE 10.

Two Street Lights on Washington Avenue.

Called for by Article $37.00. Recommended $37.00.

ARTICLE 11.

Acceptance of Mill Street, between Union and Willow Streets.

No action taken.

ARTICLE 12.

Surface water drainage, Cottage and Hamilton Streets.

Recommended.

ARTICLE 13.

Alterations of Engine House.
Called for by Article, $3,100.00. Recommended, $3,100.00.

ARTICLE 14.

Report of Committee on High School.
No action taken.

ARTICLE 15.

New High School.
We recommend that no action be taken at this time.

ARTICLE 16.

Appropriation for High School.
Called for by Article, $100,000.00. Not recommended.

ARTICLE 17.

Release of land to William F. Barrett.
Recommended.

ARTICLE 18.

Painting and alterations of Town Hall.
No action taken.

ARTICLE 19.

Release of Commonwealth from land damages.
Recommended.

ARTICLE 20.

Borrowing after January 1, 1922, in anticipation of taxes.
We recommend authorizing the Treasurer to borrow as set forth in this article of the Warrant.

ARTICLE 21.

Collection of taxes.
Recommended.

GRAND TOTAL OF APPROPRIATIONS RECOMMENDED.

From surplus	$7,143 48	
From taxes	93,910 00	
From all sources		$101,053 48

Corresponding totals in 1920, appropriated in three Town Meetings, as follows:

From surplus	$6,075 64	
From taxes	96,235 00	
From all sources		$102,310 64

Respectfully yours,

CHESTER H. KNOWLES, *Chairman,*
EDWARD J. READY, *Secretary,*
WASHINGTON A. PATCH,
LESTER E. MCGARRY,
GEORGE VON L. MEYER,

Finance and Advisory Committee,
Town of Hamilton.

Proposed By-Laws of the Town of Hamilton

CHAPTER I.

Town Meetings.

Section 1. The annual town meeting shall be held on the second Tuesday in March.

The polls shall be open at 5.45 o'clock A. M., and shall remain open until 4 o'clock P. M. After the closing of the polls the meeting shall be adjourned until the third Tuesday in March at 8 o'clock in the evening, at which time the remaining articles in the warrant shall be acted upon.

Manner of Calling Town Meetings.

Section 2. Every town meeting, except as otherwise provided by law, shall be called in pursuance of a warrant, under the hands of the Selectmen, notice of which shall be given at least seven days before said meeting, by posting attested copies thereof, one at the Town Hall, and one at each of the postoffices in said town, seven days at least before the time of holding said meeting.

CHAPTER 2.

Rules of Procedure at Town Meetings.

Section 1. All articles in the warrant shall be taken up in the order of their arrangement, unless otherwise decided by a two-thirds vote.

Section 2. In case of motions to amend, or to fill out blanks, the one expressing the largest sum or the longest time shall be put first, and an affirmative vote thereon shall be a negative vote on any smaller sum or shorter time.

Section 3. When a report of a committee is placed in the hands of the moderator it shall be deemed properly before the meeting for its action thereon, and a vote to accept the same shall discharge the committee, but shall not be equivalent to a vote to carry out its recommendations without a special vote to adopt it.

Section 4. No reports of committees shall be in order unless made under an article in the warrant which indicates the subject to be reported upon.

Section 5. If an article of the warrant has once been acted upon and disposed of, it shall not be again considered at that meeting, except by a two-thirds vote.

Section 6. Fifty legal voters shall constitute a quorum at all town meetings.

Section 7. The conduct of all town meetings, not prescribed by law or by the foregoing rules, shall be determined by the rules of practice contained in Cushing's Manual, so far as they are adapted to town meetings.

CHAPTER 3.

Finance Committee.

At the annual meeting and before the final adjournment thereof there shall be appointed by the moderator a finance committee consisting of five members, to serve until the final adjournment of the next annual meeting and until their successors have been appointed, none of whom shall be an officer of or a member of

any board of the town or any committee considering an appropriation or expenditure of money. Vacancies shall be filled by the moderator. The finance committee shall meet and organize by the election of a chairman and clerk. When the warrant for a town meeting contains any article or articles under which an appropriation or expenditure of money, or the disposition of any property of the town, may be made, the finance committee shall consider said articles after giving one or more public hearings thereon, and shall report in writing its recommendations to the said town meeting. The failure, for any reason, of the committee to make such report shall not affect the legality of any action taken at any meeting.

CHAPTER 4.

Legal Affairs.

Section 1. The board of selectmen shall have authority to prosecute, defend and compromise all litigation to which the town is a party, and to employ special counsel to assist the town counsel whenever in their judgment necessity therefor arises.

The town counsel shall draft all bonds, deeds, leases, obligations, conveyances and other legal instruments, and do every professional act which may be required of him, by vote of the town or any board of town officers. Also, when required by said boards or any committee of the town, he shall furnish a written opinion on any question that may be submitted to him, and he shall at all times furnish legal advice to any officer of the town who may require his opinion upon any subject concerning the duties incumbent upon such officer by virtue of his office.

He shall prosecute all suits ordered to be brought by the town or board of selectmen, and shall appear at any court in the commonwealth in defence of all actions or suits brought against the

town or its officers in their official capacity, and shall try and argue any and all causes in which the town shall be a party, before any tribunal, whether in law or in equity, in the commonwealth, or before any board of referees or commission, and shall appear at any and all hearings on behalf of the town whenever his services may be required.

SECTION 2. The board of selectmen shall annually appoint an attorney-at-law to act as town counsel, who shall be paid such salary as the town votes.

CHAPTER 5.

TOWN CONTRACTS.

SECTION 1. No officer or board of the town shall make any contract on behalf of the town in which such officer or any member of such board is directly or indirectly financially interested, except competitive contracts.

SECTION 2. No town officer or board of town officers having the power or authority to appoint any town officer or agent shall appoint himself or any member of such board to any salaried office or position; but this shall not prohibit any town officer from being chairman or clerk of the board of which he may be a member.

CHAPTER 6.

JUNK DEALERS, ETC.

No person shall be a collector of, or a dealer in, junk, old metals, or second-hand articles, or a keeper of a shop for the purchase, sale or barter of junk, old metals or second-hand articles, unless licensed therefor by the selectmen.

CHAPTER 7.

Ways.

Section 1. No person, except officers of the town in the lawful performance of their duties, and those acting under their orders, shall obstruct any sidewalk or street or any part thereof, or break or dig the ground of the same, without first obtaining a written license from the selectmen therefor.

Section 2. No person shall throw, place, or cause to be thrown or placed, upon any street or sidewalk in the town, any dirt, ashes or stones, hoops, boards or other wood with nails projecting therefrom; shavings, sawdust, manure, nails, spikes, screws, glass, tin cans, filth, rubbish or any noxious or refuse liquid or solid matter.

Section 3. No person shall drive, ride or lead a horse on any sidewalk of the town.

Section 4. No person shall tie a horse or other animal to any tree, nor to any structure protecting such tree, in the public streets of the town.

Section 5. No person shall fire or discharge any gun, fowling piece, pistol, or other firearm within any street, public way, place or square in the town, except with the permission of the board of selectmen; provided, however, that this section shall not apply to any firing in accordance with law, nor to any firing permitted by the board of selectmen.

Section 6. No person shall distribute or display posters, handbills, placards, pamphlets, or other advertising matter in any public street or way without first obtaining a permit therefor from the board of selectmen.

SECTION 7. No person shall place, or cause, or authorize to be placed, posters, handbills, placards, signs or other advertising matter of any nature in or upon any street or sidewalk in the town without first obtaining a permit therefor from the board of selectmen.

SECTION 8. No person shall coast upon or across any sidewalk or street in the town, except at such times and in such places as may from time to time be designated by the selectmen or other officer having charge of the ways.

SECTION 9. No person shall allow any gate or door on premises under his control and adjoining any public way, to swing on, over or into said public way.

SECTION 10. Three or more persons shall not stand together or near each other in any street, or on any footwalk or sidewalk, or upon any land left open between the curbing and building facing thereon and left open and used as a sidewalk in the town, so as to obstruct the free passage for foot passengers; and any person or persons so standing shall move on immediately after a request so to do made by any constable or police officer of the town.

SECTION 11. No person shall loaf or loiter upon any public way after having been requested by a constable or police officer to move.

SECTION 12. No owner or driver of a vehicle shall bait or feed in a street a horse or beast connected with such vehicle, except in a place designated by the chief of Police, unless the horse or beast, while being baited or fed, is under the care of some suitable person, and is properly secured to prevent it from getting beyond such person's control.

CHAPTER 8.

Use of Ways.

Section 1. No person shall place, or cause to be placed, upon any sidewalk, any coal, bale, box or trunk, crate, cask, barrel, garbage can, package or anything, so as to obstruct the same for more than one hour, or for more than ten minutes after being notified by a constable, police officer or selectman to move it.

Section 2. Every person intending to erect, repair or take down any building on land abutting on any street or way which the town is required to keep in repair ,and who desires to make use of any portion of said street or way for the purpose of placing therein building materials or rubbish, shall give notice thereof to the selectmen. The selectmen may grant a permit to occupy a portion of said street or way, and such permit shall be upon the condition that the licensee shall keep a sufficient number of lighted lanterns at or near the parts of the street or way obstructed or unsafe, and shall keep a railing or guard around the same, while such obstruction shall continue. If such obstruction is more than a temporary condition, the licensee shall place a good temporary walk around said obstruction, and at the completion of the work shall restore the street or way to its former condition.

Before issuing a license as specified in the preceding section, the person applying for the same shall execute a written agreement to indemnify and save harmless the town against and from all damages, by reason of cost or expense it may suffer or be put to by reason of any claim for damages or by reason of any proceeding, criminal or civil, on account of the existence of such obstruction or excavation.

CHAPTER 9.

Penalties for Violation.

Any person who shall violate any of the provisions of Chap. 6, 7 and 8, of these By-Laws shall forfeit and pay, for each offence, a sum not exceeding twenty dollars.

All By-Laws heretofore adopted are hereby repealed .

These By-Laws shall be in effect and force when they have been approved as required by law.

Respectfully submitted,

George H. Gibney,
Clarence S. Knowlton,
By-Law Committee.

Warrant for the Annual Town Meeting

Essex, ss. To either of the Constables of the Town of Hamilton, GREETING:

In the name of the Commonwealth of Massachusetts you are hereby directed to notify and warn the inhabitants of the Town of Hamilton, qualified to vote in elections and Town affairs, to meet in the Town Hall, in said Town, on Tuesday, the eighth (8th) day of March, nineteen hundred and twenty-one, at fifteen minutes before six o'clock in the forenoon (5.45 o'clock A. M.), then and there to act on the following articles, viz.:

ARTICLE 1. To bring in your ballots for:

Moderator, for one year.
Town Clerk, for one year.
Three Selectmen, for one year.
Overseers of the Poor, and Board of Health, three for one year.
Treasurer, for one year.
Tax Collector, for one year.
Tree Warden, for one year.
Three Constables, for one year.
One Assessor, for three years.
One Library Trustee, for three years.
One Cemetery Commissioner, for three years.
One Park Commissioner, for three years.
One Member of the School Committee, for three years.

And to vote on the following:

Shall license be granted for the sale of intoxicating liquors for the coming year? Yes or No.

Shall licenses be granted for the sale of certain non-intoxicating beverages for the coming year? Yes or No.

All on one ballot.

The polls will open at fifteen minutes before six o'clock (5.45 o'clock A. M.) and close at four (4) o'clock in the afternoon.

Article 2. To choose and appoint all other Town Officers in such manner as the Town shall determine.

Article 3. To hear the report of the Town Officers and of the Finance and Advisory Committee and other committees and take any action thereon.

Article 4. To raise and appropriate money for the repairs of Highways, Town Ways and Bridges, and all Town expenses, and determine the manner of expending the same.

Article 5. To see if the Town will appropriate money from Excess and Deficiency Fund to meet overdrafts in the following accounts:

Assessors,	$103.50
Forest Fire Warden,	559.98

Article 6. To hear the report of the Committee on Memorials to the veterans of all wars, and to see if the Town will appropriate a sum of money to erect Memorials to veterans of all wars, or take any action thereon.

Article 7. To see if the Town will appropriate the sum of $200.00 for the use of the Augustus P. Gardner Post No. 194 of the American Legion, as petitioned for by Victor W. Daley and others.

Article 8. To see what action the Town will take towards installing one light on Mill Street, between Union and Cottage

Streets, and appropriate a sum of money for the same, as petitioned for by A. Merrill Cummings and others.

Article 9. To see what action the Town will take towards placing lights on Grant Avenue and appropriate a sum of money for the sam, as petitioned for by George Bunce and others.

Article 10. To see what action the Town will take towards placing lights on Washington Avenue, and appropriate a sum of money for the same, as petitioned for by Walter Green and others.

Article 11. To see what action the Town will take towards accepting Mill Street between Union and Willow Street, as laid out by the Selectmen, and appropriate a sum of money to gravel and grade the same as petitioned for by Thomas Ryan and others.

Article 12. To see what action the Town will take toward overcoming the present conditions, relative to surface water, at the corner of Cottage Street and Hamilton Street, or take any action thereon, and make an appropriation for the same, as petitioned for by Frederick E. McGrath and others.

Article 13. To hear the report of the Committee appointed at the last Annual Town Meeting to investigate the advisability of erecting an Engine House at South Hamilton, and to see if the Town will vote to remodel and make alterations on the present Fire House at South Hamilton, and appropriate a sum of money therefor, or to take any action thereon.

Article 14. To hear the report of the Committee appointed at the last annual Town Meeting to investigate the advisability of erecting a High School building and report at the next annual Town Meeting, and to appropriate a sum of money to carry out any recommendation made by the Committee, or take any other action thereon.

Article 15. To see if the Town will vote to erect a High School Building at a cost not to exceed $100,000, as petitioned for by the School Committee, or take any action thereon.

Article 16. To see if the Town will vote to appropriate the sum of $100,000 for the construction and erection and original equipment and furnishings for a High School Building, $5,000 of which shall be raised from the tax levy of 1921 and $95,000 of which shall be paid and provided by bond issue, and to take any action thereon.

Article 17. To see what action the Town will take towards releasing to your petitioner, all the right, title and interest which the Town has or may have in and to the following described parcel of land in said Town of Hamilton:

Being all the portions of Waldingfield Road, as it existed prior to June 8th, 1920, which lies between Highland Street in said Town and the southerly end of the new location of a part of said Waldingfield Road, which parcel was discontinued by decree of the Essex County Commissioners, dated June 8, 1920, and recorded with Essex South District Registry of Deeds, Book 2456, Page 335. Excepting, however, such part of said discontinued parcel as has been released to Bayard Tuckerman by your petitioner by deed prior to the date hereof and which lies southerly of the land of the petitioner, as petitioned for by William F. Barrett by his attorney, J. Edgar Barnes.

Article 18. To see what action the Town will take towards painting the Town Hall inside and out and making any other alterations, and appropriate a sum of money for the same.

Article 19. To see if the Town will authorize the Selectmen to sign a release to the Public works Commission releasing the

Commonwealth from any land damage that may have occurred in the taking and widening of Main Street near Moulton Street.

Article 20. To see if the Town will authorize the Treasurer, with the approval of the Selectmen, to borrow during the municipal year, beginning January 1, 1922, in anticipation of the revenue of said municipal year, such sums of money as may be necessary to meet the current expenses of the Town, giving the note or notes of the Town therefor. Any debt or debts incurred under this vote to be paid for from revenue of said financial year.

Article 21. To see if the Town will authorize the Collector to use all means of collecting taxes which a Town Treasurer, when appointed Collector, may use agreeable to Chapter 25, Section 75, of the Revised Laws.

Article 22. To hear the report of the By-Laws Committee and take any action thereon, and to pass any vote or votes thereon.

Article 23. To act on any other matter that may legally come before said meeting.

And you are directed to serve this warrant by posting attested copies thereof, one at the Meeting House, one at the South Hamilton Post Office, and one at the Town Hall, in said Town, seven (7) days at least before the time of holding said meeting.

Hereof fail not and make due return of this warrant with your doings thereon, to the Town Clerk, at the time and place of holding said meeting.

Given under our hands this 15th day of February, A. D. 1921.

George H. Gibney,
Arthur C. Cummings,
Avon D. Bradeen,
Selectmen of Hamilton.

List of Jurors

Harold M. Dodge, blacksmith, School St.
William E. Townsend, retired, Willow St.
Fred R. Haskell, painter, Park St.
Jno. Lamson, farmer, Highland St.
Rodney H. Adams, farmer, Highland St.
Frank Dane, foreman, Moulton St.
Henry Rogers, motorman, Park St.
Charles A. Smerage, R. R. conductor, Rust St.
John E. Cox, foreman, Main St.
Roscoe Caverly, merchant, Gardner St.
Rudolph H. Haraden, forester, Bridge St.
Joseph E. Allen, meat-cutter, Asbury St.
Richard H. Harraden, agent, Western Ave.
Fred A. Saunders, collector, Railroad Ave.
Frank C. Back, laborer, Maple St.
Wendell W. Dodge, carpenter, Grant Ave.
Harold C. Martin, bond salesman, Chestnut St.
Ralph W. Porter, electrician, Walnut St.
Oscar A. Wood, carpenter, Bridge St.
George P. Ayers, machinist, Bridge St.

The Commonwealth of Massachusetts

DEPARTMENT OF CORPORATIONS
AND TAXATION

DIVISION OF ACCOUNTS

REPORT OF AN AUDIT

of

THE ACCOUNTS OF

The Town of Hamilton

For the Year Ending December 31, 1920

Made in Accordance with the Provisions of Section 35, Chapter 44, General Laws

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February 23, 1921

THE COMMONWEATH OF MASSACHUSETTS.

DEPARTMENT OF CORPORATIONS AND TAXATION.

DIVISION OF ACCOUNTS.

STATE HOUSE, BOSTON.

February 23, 1921.

Gentlemen :—

I submit herewith my report of an audit of the accounts of the town of Hamilton for the year ending December 31, 1920, made in accordance with the provisions of Section 35, Chapter 44 of the General Laws. This report is in the form of a report made to me by Mr. Edward H. Fenton, Chief Examiner of this Division, who was placed in charge of the work.

Very truly yours,

THEODORE N. WADDELL,

Director of Accounts.

TNW/EAD

Mr. Theodore N. Waddell,
Director of Accounts,
Department of Corporations and Taxation,
State House, Boston.

Sir :—

In accordancee with your instructions, I have made an audit of the accounts of the town of Hamilton for the fiscal year ending December 31, 1920, and report thereon as follows:

The books and accounts in the town accountant's office were examined and checked in detail, the recorded receipts being verified by a comparison with the treasurer's vouchers and pay-rolls on file and with the selectmen's warrants authorizing the treasurer to disburse town funds. The appropriation accounts were also examined and all appropriations, transfers, and loans authorized were checked with the town clerk's records.

The classification book was examined and checked with the appropriation accounts.

The ledger postings were checked to the books of original entry, the ledger was footed, a trial balance was taken off proving the ledger to be in balance, and a balance sheet, which is appended to this report, was prepared, showing the financial condition of the town December 31, 1920.

The books have been neatly and accurately kept and were easily verified.

The books and accounts of the treasurer were examined. The cash book was footed, the receipts were checked and compared with the books in the accountant's office, and the disbursements were compared with the warrants authorizing them and with the accountant's books. The cash balance was verified by reconciling the bank account with the statement furnished by the bank.

The securities and savings bank books representing investments of the several trust funds in the custody of the treasurer were examined and compared with the accountant's books. The income was verified, and the disbursements checked and compared with the accountant's records.

The books and accounts of the tax collector were examined, the commitments were verified, the cash books were footed and checked to the commitment books, the abatements were checked with the assessors' records of abatements granted, the recorded payments to the treasurer were checked with the treasurer's cash book, and the outstanding accounts were listed and reconciled with the accountant's ledger accounts.

The outstanding accounts were further proved by mailing verification notices to a number of persons whose names appeared on the books as owing money to the town. Two replies were received claiming that payment had been made ; these have been investigated, and I am satisfied that the accounts are correct except for certain clerical errors.

Appended to this report are tables showing a reconciliation of the treasurer's cash, summaries of the tax and

assessment accounts, and of the trust fund transactions; also a balance sheet as of December 31, 1920.

For the co-operation received and the assistance rendered by the several departmental officials while I was engaged in making the audit, I wish, on behalf of myself and my assistant, to express my appreciation.

Respectfully submitted,

EDW. H. FENTON,

Chief Examiner

EHF/EAD

RECONCILIATION OF TREASURER'S CASH.

Cash balance January 1, 1920,	$28,907 73	
Receipts, 1920,	176,354 37	
		$205,262 10
Payments, 1920,	$183,141 84	
Cash balance December 31, 1920,	22,120 26	
		$205,262.10
Cash balance January 1, 1921,	$22,120 26	
Receipts January 1 to 31, 1921,	1,266 58	
		$23,386 84
Payments January 1, to 31, 1921,	$20,566 25	
Cash balance January 31, 1921,	2,820 59	
		$23,386 84
Merchants National Bank, Balance January 31, 1921, per bank statement,		$5,293 30
Outstanding checks, per list,	$2,472 71	
Balance January 31, 1921, per check book,	2,820.59	
		$5,293 30

TAXES—1916.

Outstanding Jan. 1, 1920, per ledger,	$ 40	
Abatement after payment, refunded,	11 50	
		$11 90
Abatement,	$11 50	
Outstanding Dec. 31, 1920, per list,	40	
		$11 90

TAXES—1917.

Outstanding Jan. 1, 1920, per ledger,	$166 82	
Abatement after payment, refunded,	10 92	
		$177 74
Paid Treasurer,	$130 58	
Abatements,	19 20	
Outstanding Dec. 31, 1920, per list,	27 96	
		$177 74

TAXES—1918.

Outstanding Jan. 1, 1920, per ledger,	$2,232 68	
Abatement after payment, refunded,	12 00	
		$2,244 68
Paid Treasurer,	$1,456 15	
Abatements,	31 93	
Outstanding Dec. 31, 1920, per list,	756 60	
		$2,244 68

TAXES—1919.

Outstanding Jan. 1, 1920, per ledger,	$6,115 29	
Abatement after payment, refunded,	2.10	
Abatement withdrawn,	4.20	
		$6,121 59
Paid Treasurer,	$3,862 38	
Abatements,	59 58	
Outstanding Dec. 31, 1920, per list,	2,199 63	
		$6,121 59

TAXES—1920.

Commitment,	$70,247 62	
Additional commitment,	43 60	
Moth, credited as taxes,	86	
Interest, credited as taxes,	05	
Overpayment to Treasurer,	4 40	
		$70,296 53
Paid Treasurer,	$58,596 69	
Abatements,	818 72	
Taxes, credited as moth,	1 30	
Warrant in excess of list,	100 00	
Outstanding Dec. 31, 1920, per list,	10,779 82	
		$70,296 53

MOTH ASSESSMENTS—1917.

Outstanding Jan. 1, 1920, per ledger,		$4 88
Paid Treasurer,	$3 90	
Outstanding Dec. 31, 1920, per list,	98	
		$4 88

MOTH ASSESSMENTS—1918.

Outstanding Jan. 1, 1920, per ledger,		$66 99
Paid Treasurer,	$44 98	
Outstanding Dec. 31, 1920, per list,	22 01	
		$66 99

MOTH ASSESSMENTS—1919.

Outstanding Jan. 1, 1920, per ledger,		$241 57
Paid Treasurer,	$187 45	
Moth, credited as interest,	36	
Outstanding Dec. 31, 1920, per list,	53 76	
		$241 57

MOTH ASSESSMENTS—1920.

Commitment,	$1,559 32	
Taxes, credited as moth,	1 30	
Interest, credited as moth,	26	
		$1,560 88
Paid Treasurer,	$1,002 64	
Abatements,	16 80	
Moth, credited as taxes,	86	
Outstanding Dec. 31, 1920, per list,	540 58	
		$1,560 88

DR. JUSTIN ALLEN—LIBRARY FUND.

	Cash	Deposited in Savings Bank	Total
On hand at beginning of year,	$77 42	$500 00	$577 42
On hand at end of year,	100 17	500 00	600 17

Receipts		Payments.	
Income,	$22 75		
Cash on hand at beginning of year,	*77 42	Cash on hand at end of year,	*$100 17
Total,	$100 17	Total,	$100 17

H. A. DODGE—LIBRARY FUND.

	Cash	Deposited in Savings Bank	Securities	Total
On hand at beginning of year,	$10 57	$36 87	$1,000 00	$1,047 44
On hand at end of year,	52 45	36 87	1,0000 00	1,089 32

Receipts.		Payments	
Income,	$46 64	Expended,	$4 76
Cash on hand at beginning of year,	*10 57	Cash on hand at end of year,	*52 45
Total,	$57 21	Total,	$57 21

*In General Cash Balance.

CEMETERY PERPETUAL CARE FUNDS.

	Deposited in Savings Bank	Total
On hand at beginning of year,	$5,841 25	$5,841 25
On hand at end of year,	7,082 77	7,082 77

Receipts.		Payments.	
Income,	$354 22	Deposited in Savings Bank,	$1,241 52
Bequests,	1,183 00	Expended for care of lots,	295 70
Total,	$1,537 22	Total,	$1,537 22

TOWN OF HAMILTON.

BALANCE SHEET—DECEMBER 31, 1920.

GENERAL ACCOUNTS.

Assets.

Cash in Bank and Office,		$22,120 26
Accounts Receivable:		
Taxes:		
Levy of 1916,	$ 40	
Levy of 1917,	27 96	
Levy of 1918,	756 60	
Levy of 1919,	2,199 63	
Levy of 1920,	10,775 42	
		13,760 01
Special Assessments:		
Moth, 1917,	$ 98	
Moth, 1918,	22 01	
Moth, 1919,	53 76	
Moth, 1920,	540 58	
		617 33

State Aid,		210 00
Abutters—Waldingfield Road,		500 61
Revenue, 1921—Town Meeting, October, 1920,		500 00
Overdrawn Appropriations, 1920:		
Assessors,	$103 50	
Forest Fire Warden,	559 98	
		663 48
		$38,371 69

Liabilities.

Revenue Loan,		$15,000 00
War Fund,		75 58
Tailings Account,		42 81
Cemetery Lot Fund,		55 00
Dodge Fund Income,		52 45
Allen Fund Income		100 17
Appropriation Balances:		
Legislative Committee,	$76 50	
Norman Fund,	15 66	
Industrial School Tuition,	224 98	
Interest on Debt.	402 66	
		719 80
Overlay Reserve,		3,017 44
Reserve Fund,		72 61
Overlay Reserve for Abatement of Taxes:		
Levy of 1916,	$ 40	
Levy of 1917,	27 96	
Levy of 1918,	16 87	
Levy of 1919,	1,179 78	
Levy of 1920,	512 91	
		1,737 92

Surplus Revenue,		17,497 91
		$38,371 69

DEBT ACCOUNTS.

Net Funded or Fixed Debt,		$15,980 00
		$15,980 00
South Schoolhouse Loan,	$ 980 00	
East Schoolhouse Loan,	15,000 00	
		$15,980 00
		$15,980 00

TRUST FUNDS ACCOUNT.

Cash and Securities,		$8,619 64
		$8,619 64
Allen Library Fund,	$ 500 00	
Dodge Library Fund,	1,036 87	
Cemetery Perpetual Care Fund,	7,082 77	
		$8,619 64
		$8,619 64

ANNUAL REPORT

OF THE

SCHOOL COMMITTEE

OF THE

Town of Hamilton

FOR THE YEAR

1920

SALEM, MASS.:
NEWCOMB & GAUSS, PRINTERS
1921

School Committee's Report

Annual report of the School Committee of the Town of Hamilton for the year 1920:

ORGANIZATION

Robert Robertson, Jr., *Chairman*	Term expires 1921
Adelaide D. Walsh,	Term expires 1923
Florence M. Lull, *Secretary*	Term expires 1922

Adelaide D. Walsh, *Purchasing Agent*
Harvey R. Williams, *Superintendent*
John G. Corcoran, M. D., *School Physician*

Your committee makes this annual report to the Town of Hamilton for the year just closed, with the feeling that the work of the schools has been carried on under a heavy handicap, owing to conditions over which your committee has no control, but that good progress has been made in all departments, due to the untiring and persistent work of pupils, teachers and superintendent.

The schools of Hamilton constitute the big business of the town for the carrying on of which a generous appropriation has been made each year, yet we feel that the citizens of the town are not doing their full duty by the children because of their failure to provide adequate buildings in which to conduct the work of the schools.

The committee invites and earnestly requests parents and all other citizens interested in the welfare of the children, to visit the schools and ascertain for themselves what is needed, for we feel confident that when the people fully understand the present conditions the needs of the school will be met.

Each grade below the Junior High should be in a room by itself, with a teacher who can devote her entire time to that class, and in this way only can the best progress be made. Instead of which, we have four grades, aggregating over one hundred pupils, in two rooms with three teachers, and no recitation rooms except the much maligned chemistry laboratory and domestic science room, which are available to them only a portion of the time.

The work of the School Committee is a labor of love, the only object being to give the children of Hamilton as good an education as possible. We have studied the problem for years from every angle, and we reiterate that a new high school building is the only economical and permanent solution of this problem.

Your committee is not in favor of adding rooms above the second floor of the south school, or remodeling the annex, being convinced that such alteration would be of slight advantage to the school compared with the large cost of same, and would provide only partial relief and that for a comparatively short time, and eventually every dollar invested in such changes would be wasted.

For general work of the schools, changes in teaching staff, etc., reference is made to the reports of the Superintendent and Principal, which are made a part hereof.

The pupils of the Junior and Senior High and all pupils from the West district are being transported to and from South school in auto barges, instead of horse-drawn vehicles as heretofore, and this change has added greatly to the comfort and welfare of the pupils.

The North, Center and East schools are open and taking care of the children of those districts.

For insurance expiring this year the committee recommends an appropriation of $1,000.

For the maintenance of the schools for the year 1921 the committee recommends an appropriation of $40,000.

Robert Robertson, Jr.,
Adelaide D. Walsh,
Florence M. Lull,
School Committee.

Financial Account

Year ending December 31, 1920.

RESOURCES

Appropriation by Town	$37,875 00
Dog Tax	438 37
Total	$38,313 37

EXPENDITURES

GENERAL EXPENSES

School Committee	$128 00	
Superintendence and Enforcement of Law:		
Superintendent's salary	900 00	
Attendance Officer's salary	100 00	
Other expenses	36 48	
Total		$1,164 48

EXPENSES OF INSTRUCTION

Supervisor, salary	$440 00	
Teachers Salaries:		
Principal	2,400 00	
High assistants	7,814 85	
Elementary teachers	13,222 45	
Total		23,877 30

Text Books			
High	$163 86		
Elementary	96 20		
Total		260 06	
Supplies:			
High	$1,206 63		
Elementary	982 12		
Total		2,188 75	
Miscellaneous		171 19	
			$26,497 30

EXPENSES OF OPERATION

Janitors' Wages:			
High	$ 750 00		
Elementary	1,250 00		
Total		$2,000 00	
Fuel:			
High	$1,106 82		
Elementary	1,484 81		
Total		2,591 63	
Repairs		1,257 65	
Total			$5,849 28

AUXILIARY AGENCIES

Health	$300 00	
Transportation	2,900 00	
Total		3,200 00

MISCELLANEOUS EXPENSES

Sundries	350 75
Total Expenditures	$37,061 81
Balance unexpended Dec. 31, 1920	1,251 56
Appropriation and Dog Tax	$38,313 37

SPECIAL SCHOOL APPROPRIATIONS

Industrial School Tuition	$ 275 02
School House Insurance	1,827 19
Center School Repairs	47 59
	$2,149 80

Superintendent's Report

To the School Committee.

Ladies and Gentlemen: I have the honor to submit for your consideration my fourth annual report of the progress and condition of the schools of Hamilton for the year ending December 31, 1920.

As there has been but little change in the plans and policies of the schools since the last annual report, there seems little need for any very extensive report at this time. The needs of the schools have been fully set forth in previous reports and until these needs are supplied there can be no very great improvement of the general conditions in the schools, especially in the South district. It is true that "the teachers make the schools" but to make the best schools, the kind of schools the people of Hamilton want for their children and the kind your committee has labored hard to maintain, there must be reasonably good conditions under which tetachers may work.

TEACHERS

Last year there were in the schools twenty-two full- and part-time teachers. This year we have one less part-time teacher. So the number is now eighteen full-time and three part-time teacher. At the end of the school year in June and during the summer vacation we lost eight full-time and two part-time teachers. In December we received the resignation of two full-time and one part-time teachers. Not counting one part-time teacher who was not replaced in September there have been since the last report was made, twelve changes in the teaching force or fifty-seven percent of the present number.

It is encouraging to note, however, that less than half of these teachers left us to take positions elsewhere. Nevertheless, so many and frequent changes in the teaching force has a very bad effect upon the condition of the school. Your committee has made every reasonable effort to retain good teachers in the school, but in spite of these efforts there are bound to be more or less changes from year to year, and it is no easy problem to keep the schools up to a good standard under these conditions.

Following are the lists of teachers who resigned and those secured to fill the vacancies:

Resigned	*Appointed*
James A. Cronin, South School.	Howard E. Bedell.
Josephine Rice, South School.	Muriel R. Swift.
Eleanor Robinson, South School.	Elizabeth P. Kambour.
Elizabeth C. Horan, South School.	Jessie I. Pithie.
Edna F. Hurlburt, South School.	Gladys H. Arnold.
Elizabeth Clarke, South School (3/5 time).	Not replaced.
L. Gertrude Perkins, South School.	Edith L. Fletcher.
Alice Steutermann, South School.	Margaret K. Batchelder.
Ruth J. Gould (in December), South School (3/5 time).	Gladys Leonard.
Mabel B. Howd, Music Supervisor.	Alice M. Genthner.
Ruth M. Carson, East School.	Dorothy M. Cole.
Dorothy M. Cole (in Dec.), East School.	Beatrice W. Holmes.
Ruth G. Brunt (in Dec.), North School.	L. Gertrude Perkins, substituting.

Although we have been hunting for six weeks and have had four Boston agencies looking for us, at the present writing there is no desirable candidate for the vacancy in the North School. We are very fortunate, though, to be able to have Miss L. Gertrude Perkins to substitute in this school for a few weeks.

People who read the above account of the changes in teachers

in Hamilton during the past six months, knowing that there are four *other* towns in this district, may resonably wonder what else the superintendent does besides hunt teachers. There are, however, some times during the year when vacancies are all filled and the superintendent has time to visit the schools and see the teachers at their work, and occasionally hold a teachers' meeting to discuss means and methods for general improvement.

SOME SUGGESTIONS

While our teachers as a whole are faithful and conscientious in their work in the schools, they are liable to make mistakes now and then, because they are human just like other people. But I believe they intend to be fair and just in their treatment of all the children.

If, however, there arise differences between the homes and the schools, as there will occasionally, the first thing to be done is to have a conference with the teacher and determine the facts in the case. There are always two sides to a difficulty, and in a great majority of cases a conference with the teacher will lead to a better understanding between the home and the school, to the great advantage of the children and the schools as a whole. May I suggest further, that these conferences should never be held during the regular sessions of the schools, but either before or after school hours. The teachers are responsible for the work of *all* the children while the schools are in session, but should always be ready to confer at any other time that may suit the convenience of parents.

With the above plan of procedure in effect, only occasionally will there be need of referring cases to the principal and superintendent, and finally to the school committee. However, we stand ready at any time to try to adjust any cases that cannot be satisfactorily settled between parents and teachers, and to correct any faults and defects that may unconsciously or otherwise get started from time to time in the school system.

The teachers in the public schools are on the biggest, the most important and the most expensive job in the town,—the training of all the children of all the people; and to just the extent that they have the co-operation, the encouragement, and the backing of the people, the School Committee and the Superintendent of Schools, to that extent will they be able to give efficient service and make the big job a success.

We are willing to admit that not all of the teachers in our schools are entirely successful in every way. The teachers themselves are fully aware of their shortcomings and deficiencies; but most, if not all, of them are willing and anxious to increase their efficiency, and always respond heartily and kindly to any help we try to give them.

The Superintendent realizes that he has a big responsibility in this matter, as he is supposed to be the teacher of teachers in a general way. But standardizing the work of the schools with a yearly change of one-third to one-half of the teaching force is like trying to teach a course in algebra with new pupils entering the class every little while to take up the work from the beginning. While they are getting started, the rest of the class go whither they will. I do not mean to infer that the teachers who stay on purposely do as they please. They do the best they can under the conditions that exist.

The School Committee, too, are no less conscious of the problems that exist, and are doing everything they feel is best to remedy any unfavorable and undesirable conditions.

May I suggest that the citizens of Hamilton who are anxious to have the best schools, adopt the following very effective advertising motto, namely, "If you are pleased, tell others; if not, tell us." By us, I mean the teachers, the superintendent, and the School Committee; and, by the way, it is always encouraging for *us* to know also when people are pleased.

I wish to make one more suggestion in passing. Whatever criticisms people have to make to the teachers, the superintendent,

and the Committee, they should not be made in the presence of the children. It is a very easy matter to weaken the efficiency of the best kind of teacher by making casual and thoughtless remarks in the presence of children. They make impressions that cannot be easily overcome in the schoolroom.

These suggestions are made with only one purpose in mind. That is the best interest of all the children.

The boys and girls of Hamilton are as good as can be found anywhere, and it is our desire to give them the kind of schools they deserve.

NO-SCHOOL SIGNAL

The duty of sounding the no-school signal for Hamilton and Wenham devolves upon the Superintendent of Schools, and it is no small responsibility. It is not a trivial matter to suspend schools for a day, unless there is good and sufficient reason. It is, therefore, my purpose to call off the schools for only very severe storms. As it is necessary to determine what should be done at least an hour before the signal is given, in order to notify barge drivers, teachers, and the people who cannot hear the whistle, we sometimes may have school when the weather is vry bad. But in such cases parents should use their judgment about sending their children. If they do come, the teachers will be present and do what they can to make the children comfortable.

On the other hand, the signal and notices may be given and in an hour or two the sun may be shining. This has happened, but as the teachers are not present the only way is to lose the day.

Usually when the school is called off in the morning there is no afternoon session.

CONCLUSION

In concluding this report, I wish to call attention to the report of the High School Principal which follows, also to the statistics and requirements given in the appendix.

I wish also to express my highest appreciation for the excellent spirit that pervades the entire school system; for the loyalty and co-operation of the teachers; for the advice and undivided, hearty support of the School Committee, and for the general interest of all the people in the welfare of the schools.

If we have not yet accomplished all we hope for the schools, one thing is certain, persistence in the spirit of co-operation and helpfulness will in due time bring the desired results.

Respectfully submitted,

HARVEY R. WILLIAMS,

Superintendent of Schools.

January 14, 1921.

High School Principal's Report

To Mr. H. R. Williams,
Superintendent of Schools, Hamilton, Mass.

Dear Sir: According to custom, and in compliance with your request, I am submitting my annual report of the work done and progress made at the Hamilton High School during the past year.

I take pleasure in stating that our enrollment this year shows an increase of eleven students over that of June 24, 1920, when we closed last year, totaling now eighty-two (82) pupils in the four upper classes, as follows:

Seniors	14
Juniors	14
Sophomores	22
Freshmen	32

Of these eighty-two, thirty-six are enrolled in our Commercial Course, eleven others are taking a General Course with some commercial subjects, while of the balance seven are General Course students with no commercial work, leaving twenty-eight enrolled in the College Preparatory Course.

Regarding the personnel of the teaching force, we find five new names appearing in our staff of High School instructors, all of whom are giving their best efforts in carrying out most effectively the work of the year. I find all of them ready and willing to help in any endeavor that seems to go toward the betterment of our school. Without exception, the teachers are most generous of their time after school, gladly giving extra attention to those needing it, and suggesting better methods of study, closer application and concentration of mind to work, and, in general, stimulating better preparation of studies from day to day.

It is the aim of all the teachers to cover the regular amount of work outlined in the various academic courses of study as thoroughly as possible while in the Commercial Department an increase of work accomplished is anticipated over last year's results. We have attained the ranking of a Class A accredited high school in the rating of the State, and we figure that it behooves us to be so estimated in the future; consequently a higher scholastic standing is sought for by the end of this present school year.

I feel at this time that very little need be said concerning school activities. Briefly, we are continuing our work in basketball as a winter sport, and three times a week finds from twenty to thirty boys out of our thirty-six in school, on the floor of Smith Hall, heart and soul wrapped upon the game and striving to learn its essentials while, at the same time, deriving through the only organized channel we have, the physical benefits that are so needed among our growing boys and girls. An Outing Club has been formed, and is very effectively functioning in getting the boys and girls of our school out of doors for a hike, skating party, or the like, on each Wednesday afternoon. The Hamilton High School Girls' Glee Club is working eagerly in preparation for their fourth annual concert, to be given the latter part of the winter. The funds of this production, together with those raised by a Senior drama, are to go toward helping our Senior class in its Washington trip preparations.

I have no recommendations to offer by way of needs and equipment, as that is being cared for by a most enthusiastic and competent committee appointed for that purpose. I wish, in concluding to thank all who have, during the past year, helped to make the progress of Hamilton High School what it should be.

Respectfully submitted,

HERBERT H. ARCHIBALD.

Appendix

CALENDAR FOR 1921-1922

1921

March 25. Schools close for one week vacation.
April 4. Schools re-open.
April 19. Patriot's Day. Holiday.
May 27. Memorial exercises in the schools.
May 30. Memorial Day. Holiday.
June 23. All schools close for the summer vacation.

Summer Vacation.

September 8. Schools open for the fall term.
October 12. Columbus Day. Holiday.
November 23. Schools close for the Thanksgiving recess.
November 28. Schools re-open.
December 23. Schools close for the Christmas vacation.

1922

January 2. All schools open for the second term.
February 21. Washington's Birthday observed in the schools.
February 22. Washington's Birthday. Holiday.
March 24. Schools close for one week vacation.

AGE OF ADMISSION

No child will be admitted to the first grade in September who was not five years of age on or before the first day of September.

Pupils are admitted to this grade only during the first two weeks of school in September, unless they have attended school in some other town.

Parents desiring to enter children on any other conditions than those given above, should obtain permission from the Superintendent of Schools.

VACCINATION

Children who have not been vaccinated will not be admitted to school in September unless they present a certificate from a regular practicing physician, stating that they are not fit subjects for vaccination. Parents should attend to this matter during summer vacation, as certificates of vaccination or of exemption must be presented at the opening of school to entitle children to admission.

REPORT ON SCHOOL SAVINGS

Balance in Salem Savings Bank in June, 1920	$ 88 45
Deposited during the year ending in January, 1921	573 63
Total	$662 88
Transferred to individual Bank Books during the year	544 92
Balance in the Bank to credit of School, January, 1921	$117 16
Total number of depositors as of January, 1921	193

All accounts of one dollar or more may be transferred to individual Bank Books twice during the year. Parents should see that the children attend to this at the proper time, so that the money they have deposited may go on interest at the Bank.

RESULTS OF EYE AND EAR TESTS

Whole number registered in the schools	369
Found defective in eyesight	10
Found defective in hearing	2
Parents or guardians notified	10

Examination made by School Physician and District Nurse.

REGISTRATION OF PUPILS BY GRADES AND SCHOOLS, AS OF DECEMBER, 1920.

Schools	GRADES I	II	III	IV	V	VI	VII	VIII	IX	X	XI	XII	Totals
	Elementary						Junior High			Senior High			
South	28	30	21	26	26	29	26	26	32	22	14	14	294
Center	10	4	5	0	6	0							25
North	5	5	0	2	0	2							14
East	4	5	5	8	0	6	8						36
Totals	47	44	31	36	32	37	34	26	32	22	14	14	369

SCHOOL CENSUS AS OF APRIL, 1920.

Number between five and seven years of age:	Boys	37	
	Girls	28	
			65
Number between seven and fourteen years of age:	Boys	102	
	Girls	132	
			234
Number between fourteen and sixteen years of age:	Boys	23	
	Girls	24	
			47
	Total Census		346

ATTENDANCE STATISTICS, YEAR ENDING IN JUNE, 1920

Schools	Length of Year	Number Enrolled	Boys Enrolled	Girls Enrolled	Average Membership	Average Attendance	Aggregate Attendance	Number Under 5	No. between 5 and 7	No. between 7 and 14	No. between 14 and 16	Number Over 16
	mo. ds.											
High School	9— 3	77	32	45	70.8	65.8	12,165	0	0	16	34	27
Junior High VIII	9— 2	37	19	18	36.8	33.8	6,161	0	0	34	3	0
Junior High VII	9— 2	30	16	14	27.9	25.8	4,661	0	0	29	0	0
Intermediate V & VI	9— 2	48	28	20	44.4	41.8	7,625	0	0	48		0
Intermediate III & IV	9— 2	59	15	44	45.1	41.5	7,570	0	7	52	0	0
Primary II	9— 2	22	5	17	19.1	18.1	3,517	0	20	2	0	0
Primary I	9— 2	33	15	18	29.2	25.9	4,745	1	32	0	0	0
Center	9— 1	15	7	8	14.5	14.0	2,721	0	2	13	0	0
North	8—18	12	5	7	12.0	11.0	2,108	0	5	0	0	0
East, IV, V, VI	9— 0	18	10	8	17.2	16.0	2,841	0	0	18	0	0
East, I, II, III	8—18	20	14	6	18.4	16.2	2,873	4	5	11	0	0
Totals,		371	166	205	334,4	309.9	56,987	5	71	223	38	27

DIRECTORY OF TEACHERS, JANUARY, 1921

Names	School	Grades or Subjects	Salary	Appointed	Education
Herbert H. Archibald,	High, Prin.	Math. and Science	$2400	1917	Mass. Agri. College
Howard E. Bedell,	Submaster	Hist., Physical Direct.	1500	1920	Tufts College
Katharine Call,	High, Asst.	Languages	1350	1916	Boston University
Muriel R. Swift,	" "	English	1300	1920	Boston University
Elizabeth Kambour	" "	Latin and Math.	1100	1920	Smith College
M. Gertrude Horan,	" "	Commercial Subjects	1600	1916	Salem Normal School
Jessie I. Pithie	" "	" Asst.	1150	1920	Bryant and Stratton
Hazel E. Ramer, Mrs.	Junior High	Geog., Math. & Pen.	1250	1916	Salem Normal School
Gladys H. Arnold,	" "	Literature & English	1250	1920	Lowell Normal School
*Clara M. Waldie,	" "	Practical Arts	1200	1918	Boston Normal Art
*Gladys Leonard,	" "	Household Arts	1100	1921	Framingham Normal
Ellen E. Bennett	South	Grades V and VI	1200	1913	Fitchburg Normal
Edith L. Fletcher,	"	Grades III, IV and V	1100	1920	Salem Normal
Margaret K. Batchelder,	" Asst.	Grades IV to VI	900	1920	Salem Normal
Helen A. Weston,	"	Grades II	1150	1917	Salem Normal
Nelly G. Cutting,	"	Grades I	1200	1915	Salem Normal
Edith M. Anderson,	Center	Grades I to VI	1000	1915	Salem Normal
Beatrice W. Holmes, Mrs.	East	Grades V to VII	1000	1921	Salem Normal
Marion A. Smith,	"	Grades I to IV	1000	1917	Hyannis Summer
L. Gertrude Perkins,	North, Subs.	Grades I to VI	....	....	Gloucester Training
Alice M. Genthner,	Grades & J. H.	Music	440	1920	N. E. Conservatory

*Three-fifths time-

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Mable L. Grant, *Treasurer*
Gladys M. Poole, *Secretary*
George Haraden, *Class Marshal*

*Honor Student.

GRADUATION PROGRAM

1. "Freedom, God and Right".....*Welsh Air*
   HIGH SCHOOL CHORUS
2. Invocation.....Rev. Richard T. Broeg
3. "Prayer of Thanksgiving".....*N. Clifford Page*
   GIRLS' GLEE CLUB
4. Salutatory: "Americanization".....Fannie Ella Foster
5. "Dawn's Awakening".....*Edward Grieg*
   GIRLS' GLEE CLUB
6. "Prophecy".....Mable Lillian Grant
7. "Serenade to Juanita".....*Jouberti-Spiker*
   GIRLS' GLEE CLUB
8. "History of Class of 1920".....E. Franklin Holland
9. "Morning Song".....*Smith College Glee Club Song*
   GIRLS' GLEE CLUB
10. "Valedictory".....Gladys Marguerita Poole
11. Address to the Class of 1920....Rev. W. H. Rider or Essex
12. Awarding of Diplomas..Chairman Robert Robertson, Jr.
13. "America" (New Version).....Stephen Townsend
14. Benediction.....Rev. Richard T. Broeg

COMMENCEMENT PROGRAM

MONDAY, JUNE 21

Sight-seeing Excursion by steamer to Plymouth.

TUESDAY, JUNE 22

10 a. m. to 4 p. m.—Field Day and Picnic at Idlewood Lake.
Evening—Class Spread at Baldpate Inn.

WEDNESDAY, JUNE 23

2 p. m.—Class Day Exercises at Town Hall.
8 p. m.—Graduation Exercises at Town Hall.

THURSDAY, JUNE 24

8 p. m.—Senior Reception and Dance at Town Hall.